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CLAIM ASSOCIATION OF JOHNSON COUNTY

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PREFACE.

WHILE preparing a monograph on "*Iowa City*" (published by the Iowa State Historical Society, in 1893), my interest was aroused in an old manuscript, which at that time I had occasion to refer to under the title of "*The Constitution and Records of the Claim Association of Johnson County.*"[1]

This manuscript, which may be found and consulted in the Library of the Iowa State Historical Society, is still in a fairly good state of preservation, although some of its pages are badly torn and many more soiled and faded. Uncovered and loosely held together by a coarse thread, the whole consists of about one hundred and seventy-seven pages of closely written matter. The size of a page is about seven by thirteen inches. The paper is plain, moderately heavy and, with the exception of faint pencil lines here and there, unruled. The handwriting throughout is uniform and distinct, and undoubtedly the work of Mr. Samuel H. McCrory, the clerk of the Association.

The contents of the manuscript fall naturally under the following heads: I. Constitution and Laws; II. Minutes of the Meetings of the Association; III. Recorded Claims; IV. Recorded Quit Claim Deeds or Transfers of Claims. The constitution occupies a little more than six full pages in the original; while the signatures of members, a list of two hundred and eighty-two, are spread over four pages. In this

[1] *Iowa Historical Record*, Vol. IX. No. 1, p. 44.

publication I have placed the minutes of the meetings immediately after the constitution and laws. But this is not their position in the manuscript. On the contrary, they occupy in the original six pages between pages twenty-one and twenty-two of that part of the manuscript devoted to the record of quit claim deeds. I cannot, however, believe this to be their first or true position; but that, being detached, they were subsequently pasted in this unnatural place. The descriptions of claims, covering fifty-nine pages, come next after the minutes of the meetings. The remainder, considerable over one half of the entire manuscript, is devoted to the record of quit claim deeds.

In editing the Constitution and Records of the Claim Association of Johnson County, I have made a strictly literal interpretation of the original manuscript. That is to say, I have made no reasonable allowances for unconscious errors, but have edited the manuscript literally, retaining, as far as the change from pen to type would allow, sentences, words, capitals, punctuation, and marks, just as they appear in the manuscript. At the same time I am satisfied that many of the errors are due rather to the haste and carelessness of the recorder than to his ignorance.

For helpful suggestions in the preparation of this publication, and in my study of claim associations in general, I am grateful to Professor Isaac A. Loos of the State University of Iowa.

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INTRODUCTION.

I.

THE CLAIM ASSOCIATION.

RECENT tendencies in the study of American history indicate that we can no longer consider our civilization as wholly an inheritance from Europe. The new environment working upon many different races, classes and characters of men is bringing forth a development characteristic of America. Our history, our politics and our institutions, therefore, cannot be justly estimated from the Old World standpoint alone, nor from the standpoint of that part of America which has, in a measure, always retained the European bias, namely, the East. On the contrary "the true point of view in the history of this nation is not the Atlantic coast, it is the Great West."[1] "Too exclusive attention has been paid by institutional students to the Germanic origins, too little to the American factors."[2] To which let us add, that in the study of American institutional beginnings and developments too exclusive attention has been paid to Eastern forms and systems, too little to Western influences and factors. Yet the new point of view in American history and the scientific interest which is awakening in the field of Sociology will undoubtedly give an impetus to the investigation and study of those factors in our history and politics which are more distinctively American. And, as I have intimated, the field for such investigation and study is the Great West.

[1] *The Significance of the Frontier in American History*, by Professor Frederick J. Turner—See Annual Report of the Am. Hist. Association, 1893, p. 200.

[2] *Ibid*, p. 201.

In discussions, political and social, it is not infrequently held by the extreme socialist that our institutions are unnatural and oppressive, and that if men were free to make choices, society would be revolutionized. Now, what nineteenth century men would do, what customs and institutions they would adopt, in short what choices they would make, need not be wholly a matter of speculation. For, in the settlement and growth of the West there has been "a recurrence of the process of evolution in each western area reached in the process of expansion."[1] Is the institution of the family unnatural? The frontiersman could have abolished the home and lived in a state of promiscuity. Is all government obnoxious to the American? The pioneers were not compelled to adopt a line or submit to a letter of governmental regulation. Is the system of private property in land oppressive unnatural and a hinderance to progress? The "squatters" of the West were as free to adopt the communal system as they were to breathe the air around them. It is the bearing which it has upon questions like these, that a study of institutions such as the claim association becomes important to students of History, Politics and Sociology. In this place, however, it is not my purpose to enter upon either a detailed or a general discussion of these questions. Here I desire simply to indicate the setting of the records which follow this introduction, by briefly outlining the conditions which gave rise to the claim association and determined its leading characteristics.

The government of the United States, partly through cessions on the part of the original States and partly through treaty and purchase on the part of the United States, obtained a vast and unoccupied Public Domain. This vast territory was under the supervision and at the disposal of Congress, which, from time to time regulated its survey, sale and occupation. In 1807 an act was passed, which prohibited any

[1] *The Significance of the Frontier in American History*, by Professor Turner—See Annual Report of the Am. Hist. Association, 1893, p. 200.

and all persons from taking possession of, surveying, marking off or occupying any portion of the lands ceded or secured to the United States by any treaty made with a foreign nation or by a cession of any State. The President of the United States was authorized to use force, if necessary, in removing trespassers. This act, however, was never rigidly enforced; for it was found impracticable, if not wholly impossible, to keep settlers off the Public Domain. In fact, Congress rather encouraged the violation of its provisions by granting special pre-emption privileges to settlers who had made improvements upon public lands. And yet the act of 1807, notwithstanding its impotency, was revived in March 1833 with special application to that part of Iowa known as the "Sac and Fox Cession of 1832." It was made lawful for the President of the United States to direct the Indian agents at Prairie du Chien and Rock Island to execute and perform all duties required in the act of 1807 in such mode as to give full effect to the act in and over the lands acquired from the Sac and Fox Indians. The act of 1807, however, virtually remained a dead letter, notwithstanding this heroic attempt at resuscitation. Settlers crossed the Mississippi river even before the Indian title had been extinguished; and no sooner had the Indians vacated the lands in June 1833 than hundreds of improvments were made west of the Mississippi. By the spring of 1836 some ten or twelve thousand people had made settlement. In 1838 the population reached twenty-two thousand. Instructions for the survey of these lands were issued in 1836; and by November 1st, 1837, the whole district had been surveyed as to exterior township lines, and about forty townships had been divided into sections. But not until 1838 were any of the lands proclaimed for sale; the first sales were held in the fall of that year.

Observe the constitutional status of these early settlers. Having gone upon the Public Domain in violation of an act of Congress, they occupied and cultivated lands to which they held no legal titles from the General Government. It may

even be said that they were virtually without the pale of all constitutional government. The rights, privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States did not *in fact* extend to them. It is true that in 1834 this whole district west of the Mississippi was attached to Michigan, the inhabitants thereby becoming entitled to the same privileges and immunities and subject to the same laws, rules and regulations in all respects as the other citizens of Michigan. But in reality this statute meant nothing to the settlers west of the Mississippi; for the Territory of Michigan was so far removed from them that it secured to them no governmental privileges whatsoever. The establishment of the territorial government of Wisconsin in 1836, and the erection of the Territory of Iowa in 1838 gave the early settlers, for the first time, something more than a fictitious constitutional status. Yet the territorial governments of Wisconsin and Iowa did not fully provide for the peculiar needs arising from what may be called *pioneer environment*. In fact no laws, national or territorial, adequately met the conditions of frontier life in the West. And it was to meet the conditions of this western life and to provide for the peculiar needs arising therefrom, that the early settlers organized and established the institution of the claim association.

The claim association is distinctively a Western institution. And the conditions which led to its organization among the early settlers in Iowa are in general the same as those which have given rise to like organizations from the days of the self-governing commonwealths of Watauga, Cumberland and Transylvania down to the settlement of Oklahoma. Although extra-constitutional, the claim association has, nevertheless, been a part of our politics and history, and should be studied along with constitutions and statutes. As Professor Macy, in writing on institutional beginnings in Iowa, has so aptly put it: "If there are persons who regard the bare statutes of a new country as a reliable guide to the history of the growth of its local institutions, a careful comparison of the

statutes of Iowa with the local institutions of the State will disabuse them of such a notion. The real local institutions of the early settlers of Iowa are not recorded in any statute books, and many of the institutions recorded in statute-books, never had any existence."[1]

[1] *Institutional Beginnings in a Western State.—Johns Hopkins University Studies*, Vol. II. Consult also in this connection Professor Macy's article on *The Relation of History to Politics* in the Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the year 1893.

II.

HISTORY OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY CLAIM ASSOCIATION.

After extended inquiry I am led to believe that the Claim Association of Johnson County was, in its organization and administration, one of the most perfect, not only in Iowa, but in the West. And of still greater importance is the fact that this Association has left adequate manuscript records,—records so complete that they afford invaluable material for the study of claim associations in general.

At the first session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Iowa, which met at Burlington in the winter of 1838-39, an act was passed providing for the location of the Seat of Government of the Territory in Johnson County. Up to this time the few settlers who had made improvements in Johnson County had not felt the necessity of organizing a claim association. But when they learned that the Capital of the Territory was to be located in their county, they immediately set about to organize an association for the better protection of what they called their "rights in making and holding claims." After several preliminary meetings a constitution was adopted March 9th, 1839, at a meeting attended by nearly every settler in the county. Samuel C. Trowbridge, who at that time held the office of Sheriff in Johnson County, was made the first president of the Claim Association.

The Johnson County Association received the hearty support of the inhabitants of the entire county. Men of all classes and positions signed the constitution and became members. Along with the signatures and marks of unknown

"squatters" are the names of Robert Lucas, at that time Governor of the Territory, S. C. Hastings, delegate to the Legislative Assembly and subsequently Chief Justice of Iowa and also of California, William McCormick, Judge of Probate, William C. Massey, Constable, and Robert Walker, Justice of the Peace.

The constitution and resolution were, for the most part, strictly observed throughout the county. Indeed, I have been able to learn of only two cases of "claim jumping." In the one instance the offender was soundly whipped and thus brought to recognize the regulations of the Claim Association as the supreme law of the community against which no man dared raise his hand.

The other case is related by a member of the Association as follows: "In the month of November, 1839, a man named Crawford took possession of a claim lying about one mile north of Iowa City, that belonged to William Sturgis, and refused to give it up. The Marshal of the Claim Association notified all the members to meet in Iowa City on the 7th day of November at ten o'clock A. M., sharp, at the tavern of Asaph Allen. When the time came, about sixty stalwart men were on hand, who marched in a body to where Crawford had built his cabin. They found a good substantial log house, with clapboard roof, and Mr. Crawford on the inside finishing it off ready for occupancy. The company surrounded the house, and then called a parley. The trespasser was asked if he was willing to abandon his claim. He refused to leave and cautioned those present not to molest him at their peril. Mr. Sturgis then came forward and offered to pay him for what labor he had done if he would relinquish all claims to the premises without any further trouble. This offer was also refused. Without a moment's delay, the men ascended the corners of the house, and in fifteen minutes there was not a vestige of it left standing. Mr. Crawford was left in amazement, with axe in his hand, in the center of the vacant space once occupied by his cabin. Some of the

parties suggested that the Iowa River was not far away; but milder counsels prevailed, and the company dispersed. But soon after this the members of the Association were again notified to meet, and were informed that Crawford had rebuilt his house, and was occupying it with his family. The members of the Association made arrangements with Walter Butler to take care of Mr. Crawford's family, and procured a team to bring them down to town. A committee then started ahead with the team to take charge of Mr. Crawford's wife and children. They met Mr. Crawford in a more meek and humble mood than when they last parted from him. He said he was willing to settle the matter; so he and Mr. Sturgis held a private conference, and in a short time Mr. Sturgis announced that the trouble was adjusted to his [Mr. Sturgis'] full satisfaction. The company then dispersed and went quietly to their homes: and the Association was never again called out for such a purpose. Mr. Crawford afterwards made an attempt to bring some of the parties before a legal tribunal for punishment; but, as it was almost impossible to find a judge, lawyer or juror in Iowa who was not a claim-holder, his effort was not crowned with much success."[1]

From the minutes of its meetings we learn that the Johnson County Association was concerned with but two government land sales. The one was held at Dubuque in 1840; the other at Marion in 1843.

In January, 1840, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring that a public sale of lands would be held at Dubuque in the month of May, and that township seventy-nine in ranges five and six west of the fifth principal meridian would be among the lands offered for sale on that day. This proclamation took the settlers of Johnson County by surprise. They hardly expected that these lands would be brought into market so soon after the surveys had been made. A meeting was called, and a petition, requesting a

[1] From an unfinished history of Johnson County by Cyrus Sanders and Henry Felkner.

postponement of the sale of lands in Johnson County, was sent to Washington. About the 1st of May it was announced that the sale had been postponed until the 3rd day of August, 1840. At a meeting of the Claim Association on the 10th of July, 1840, S. H. McCrory was elected "bidder," and Cyrus Sanders "assistant bidder," for townships seventy-nine north, range six west of the fifth principal meridian, and seventy-nine north, range five west of the fifth principal meridian.

Cyrus Sanders, a member of the Association, gives the following account of the sale: "On the 30th day of July a number of settlers started to the land sales that were to take place at Dubuque on the 3rd of August. A majority of them were provided with money to buy their claims, though some were expectant of meeting capitalists at the sale, of whom they could borrow the money. Some forty or fifty settlers composed our company and we started for Dubuque in two-horse wagons, supplied with provisions and camp equipage. We traveled by easy stages, and reached Dubuque on Saturday, August 1st. On Monday morning early we had made all arrangements for the sale. The bidder and assistant bidder had furnished themselves with large plats of the two townships to be sold, with each claimant's name plainly written on the subdivision which he wished to purchase. When the time came for the sale to begin, the crier stepped out on the platform, and inviting the bidder and assistant to take places on the platform beside him, took hold of one side of the plat, and began at section No. 1, and called out each eighty acre subdivision as rapidly as he could speak. When he came to a tract with a name written on it, he would strike his hammer down, and give the name to the clerk. He thus proceeded, taking the sections in numerical order. The two townships were offered in less than thirty minutes. During this time the claimants stood in a compact semicircle in front of the platform in breathless silence, not a sound being heard except the crier's voice. The purchasers were then admitted, two or three at a time, to pay for the land and receive their

certificates. This was a tedious process, as the land office accepted no money for land except United States coin, or notes on the State Bank of Missouri. Nearly all the money paid was in silver, and it consumed a great deal of time to count it and sort out the spurious coin. On the 5th of August we started for home, many of us enjoying the comfortable feeling of being owners of real estate for the first time in our lives."

In the minutes of February 11th, 1843, I find it recorded that S. H. McCrory and Robert Hutchinson were elected "bidders" for township seventy nine north, range six west of the fifth principal meridian; Henry Felkner and Cyrus Sanders for township eighty north, range six west of the fifth principal meridian; and Henry Felkner and Cyrus Sanders for township eighty, range five west of the fifth principal meridian. It is further recorded that, "On motion the association adjourned to meet at Marian on the 20 of this month." Aside from these two fragments I have found no information relating to the land sale at Marion in 1843.

Soon after the land sale at Marion the Claim Association of Johnson County disbanded. During the four years of its existence the settlers were secured in their rights to their claims. They were fully protected against the "speculator," "land shark" and "claim jumper." And finally, at the government land sales they were privileged to purchase their claims at the minimum price of $1.25 per acre. Having obtained patents to the land from the government, the settlers no longer needed the protection of the Claim Association. The conditions which called it into existence having been eliminated, the Association itself dissolved.

There were two things that made the Claim Association of Johnson County especially necessary to the welfare of the early settlers. First, the location of the Seat of Government of the Territory of Iowa in the county brought on a flood of immigration. And this influx of "new-comers," and land speculators would undoubtedly have deprived many honest and in-

dustrious settlers of their claims and improvements had it not been for the powerful arm of the Association. Second, Congress, in an act providing for the donation of a section of land to the Territory of Iowa for the purpose of erecting public buildings thereon, reserved the contiguous sections from sale, either at public auction or by private entry. This clause, which prevented many settlers from purchasing claims which they had made and improved before the location was made, was not repealed for over three years. During this period the claim-holders were in special need of the protection of a claim association.

CONSTITUTION AND RECORDS OF THE CLAIM ASSOCIATION OF JOHNSON COUNTY. (IOWA.)

I.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS[1]

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF JOHNSON COUNTY IN MAKING AND HOLDING CLAIMS—AS ADOPTED MARCH 9TH 1839.

Article 1st

section 1st This association shall be known by the name and Title of the Claim association of Johnsons County

sect 2. The officers of this association shall be one President, one Vice President One Clerk or Recorder of claims deeds or transfers of Claims, seven Judges or adjusters of claims or boundrys. One of whoom shall be qualifyed to administer the oath or affirmation and whoos duty it shall be to attend all judicial courts of the association and two Marshalls. all of whoom shall be elected as herein after provided and directed.

sect 3. The President and Vice President, shall be elected annually by ballot of the association and there term of office shall be for one year commencing with the eleventh day of March 1839. and ending the day preceding said eleventh day of March of each and every year here after.

[1] The so-called "constitution" or "laws" of the claim associations were usually nothing more than a set of resolutions. This constitution is an exceptionally perfect one.

sect 4 The President shall have full power to keep order at all meetings of the association decide on all questions of Order and where the association is equally devided as is custimary in deleberative assemblys and such other powers as is here in after express and defined and none others

sect 5 The Vice President shall in the absence of the President exercise all the duties powers and privaleges of the President and shall be governed by the laws and regulations governing the President.

sect 6. The President shall have power to call a meeting of the association at any time he may think public interest demands it provided all such meetings be called in pursuance of ten days public notice there of and such public notices specify the time and place of such meeting and that said public notices be posted at five or more of the most public places in the County.

7. The Clerk or Recorder shall be elected annually by ballot of the association for a term of One year commencing with the eleventh day of March 1839 and ending with the day preceding said 11 day of March of each and everry year here after.

8. The duties of the Clerk or recorder shall be to keep a fair record of all procedings of the association at each and everry meeting, record all claims that may be left with him and in the order they may be deposited and indorsed the time such claim was handed in for record and record all Transfers or Deeds or assignments of Deeds regularly and in the order they may be deposited and indorse the same with the time they ware deposited and the

page they have been recorded on[1] the Clerk shall have some stated place of residence and in case of removel he shall give public notice there of and state where he has removed to. and previous to his entering on the duties of his office he shall apply to the President for a certificate of Election and take an oath or affermation that he will well and truely discharge all the duties of his office with out fear favour or affection to the best of his abilities and it shall further be the duty of the clerk to furnish a Book for the association and enter all the proceedings in such Book and make all records in said Book and carefully preserve all papers belonging to the association. the clerk or Recorder may deputize any person to assist or act in his absence but shall be responsable for all acts of said Deputy in the capacity of Clerk or Recorder——

sect. 9. The Judges or adjusters of Claims shall be elected annually and for a term of one year commencing with the 11 day of March 1839. and ending with the day preceding said elevnth day of March of each and everry year here after.

The duties and powers of the judges or adjusters of claims shall be to decide on all questions of dispute relative to the rights of claims or parts of claims as the case may be and settle all disputed lines or boundrys. between members of this association or members of this association and any other individuals and make return in writing to the Clerk the manner all cases brought before them has been disposed of — any five of the judges elect shall compose a court and any three of such court agreeing in any case

[1] The Clerk fell far short of his duty in keeping the index perfect. So fragmentary is the index in the original manuscript that it has seemed best to omit it altogether in this publication.

brought before them shall be a final decession in the case. no evidance shall be received but such as is recognized by the laws of the Territory as legal in common law. and all evidence shall be on oath or affirmation the Judges or adjusters shall be required previous to there entering on the duties of there office to apply to the President of the association for a certificate of election and take an oath or affirmation that they will well and truly descharge the duties of there office with out fear favour or affection to the best of there abilities.

sect. The Marshals shall be elected as other officers and there term of office shall commence and expire as other officers of this association and there duties shall be to serve all processes that may be handed them and make return there of as directed and to enforce all decissions of the judicial court. and all other laws of the association and they shall have full power to demand the assistance of a sufficient number of the members of this association if they find it nesasary to carry all decissions and laws in to effect[1]

article 2.

Section. 1. The sallerys of the officers of this association shall be as here in after provided for.

The Clerk or Recorder shall receive Twenty five cents for recording each and everry claim and fifty cents for everry deed or conveyance to be paid by the persons wishing such record made and in all cases he may require his fees in advance and Twelve & a half cents for the privalege of examining his Books provided however members having entered there claims shall have the privalege of examining

[1] On the 7th of November, 1839, the Marshal called out *all* the members of the Association.

said Books for information relative to there own claim free of any charge—

Articl 2. [1]

Sect. 2. The Judges shall receive on Dollar & fifty cents and the Marshals shall receve one Dollar and fifty cents for everry day spent in discharge of the duties of there respective offices

Article 3

Section. 1. All members. of the association shall be required in making claims to stake them off or blaze them in such a maner that the lines of such claims can be easily traced or followed and all claims thus made in order to be respected must be entered on record and there as fully and accurately described as practacable giving the names of the creek River or branch where such shall be the boundrys on any side and where bounded by other claims give the owners name of such claim if known and where the lands have been surveyed they shall be required to give the range Township and qr section as is custimary in describing surveyed Lands. and further persons making claims shall be required to put the initials of there names either on a tree or stake at each corner of there claims. no person shall hold more than 480 acres or three quarter sections of land [2] by making claim thereto. and this quantity shall in all cases be recognized and constitute a claim let the same lye in a boddy or detached parcels. provided however that

[1] Repetition due to the continuation of the article on another page in the original.

[2] Compared with the regulations of most of the claim associations this allowance is very large, the usual number of acres being one hundred and sixty or three hundred and twenty.

said claim is not in more than three separate and detached parcels. all persons wishing there claims recorded shall hand them in to the recorder in writing with there signature there to All Deeds of conveyance shall be admited to record and all assignments of Deeds and the first on record or admited for Record shall have the prefferance

persons purchasing claims or parts of claims shall in all cases be required before the clerk to state on honour. that the amount specifyed in the deed or transfer is the actual amount paid for such claim or part of claim as the case may be and that the purchase is valid and in good faith and that it has not been made to evade the law restricting persons in making claims to 480 acres or three quarter sections. this clause shall not be so construed as to deprive persons who sells there claims or a part there of taking another or a part as the case may be nor shall it be so construed that persons purchasing shall be deprived of the privalege of making a claim. nor shall any person or persons be intitled to make a claim from the fact of there having swaped [1] or exchanged claims any person purchasing a claim and refusing to pay for it shall forfeit all claim there to and such claim thus forfeited shall revert back to the person selling such claim [2]

Article 3.[3]

Section 1st. All persons having sold or purchased claims previous to the organization of this association and the adoption of the laws for the government of said association shall be entitled to all the privaleges and rights the laws of this association extend to those selling or purchasing after the adoption of said laws.

[1] A term meaning to exchange, to barter.

[2] For additions to this section see minutes of February 3rd, 1840.

[3] Repetition due to the continuation of the article on another page in the original.

sect. 2 Any white male person over the age of eighteen can become a member of this association by signing the laws rules and regulations governing the association. no member of the association. shall have the privalege of voting on a question to change any article of the constitution or laws of the association unless he is a resident. citizen of the county and a claimholder. nor shall any member be entitled to vote for officers of this association unless they are claimholders. Actual citizens of the County.[1] over the age of seventeen who are acting for them selves and dependent on there own exertions, and labour, for a lively hood, and whoos parents doe not reside with in the limits of the Territory can become members. of this association and entitled to all the privaleges of members. [2]
no member can be declared elected an officer of the association unless such person shall have received a majority of the votes of the members presant, entitled to vote when such election shall take place Any law or article of the constitution of this association may be altered at the semianual meetings and at no other meetings provided however. that three fifths of the members presant who are resident citizens of the county and actual claim holders shall be in favour of such change or ammendment, *except that section fixing the quantity of land that everry member is entitled to hold by claim and that section shall remain unaltered* [3]

section 3 The semianual meetings of This association shall take place on the first monday of Febuary and August of each year yere after and the election of all officers,

[1] A citizen of the county was one who had resided within the limits of the county for a period of two months. See Art. III. section 5, and the minutes of February 3rd, 1840.

[2] Few associations made such detailed regulations of the suffrage .

[3] These words are italicized in the original.

shall be had at the Febuary meetings [1] after the first which first election shall be had immediately after the adoption of the foregoing laws

sect 4. In case of a vacancy in any of the offices of the association the president shall have power to fill such vacancy until the first semianual meeting that may occur after such vacancy may have taken place. and then there shall be a special election held to fill such vacancy. until the anual election.

sect 5 all persons who have resided with in the limits of the County for Twoo months. shall be recognised and considered as citizens of the County. [2]

Articl 3

Sect. 6.. Members of the association who are not citizens of the County shall be required in making claims to expend in improvements on each claim he or they may have made or may make the amount of fifty Dollars with in six months of the date of making such claim or claims and fifty Dollars everry six months there after until such person or persons becomes citizens of the county or forfeit the same—

7 All persons residing in the county at the adoption of the foregoing laws shall be entitled to the privalege of voting at this meeting but after this it shall require two months residence to become a citizen of the county.

8 All claims made after the adoption of the foregoing laws shall be registered or offered for record with in

[1] According to Art. I. sections 3, 7, 9, and 10 the term of office began on March 11th. The officers, therefore, were elected one month before they were installed into office.

[2] For an addition to this section see minutes of February 3rd, 1840.

ten days after the making there of and all persons making claims after the adoption of the foregoing laws. shall be required in presenting his or there claim for record to state on honour before the recorder that such claim or claims has not been previously made or if made that that they have been forfeited by the laws of this association to his or there personal knowledge.

9 All resident members whoos claims has been made previous to the adoption of the forigoing laws shall have the privalege of thirty days to have the same recorded in— And those who have made claims previous to the adoption of the forigoing laws. who are not citizens of the county shall have ninety days to have the same recorded in. And no person or persons shall have the privalege of registering claims in the name of nonresident persons

10. All trials or disputed cases shall be brought before the judicial Court in the following manner. any member of the association or the agent of any member of the association who is authorised to act as agent in writing for such person or persons believeing their rights have been intruded on shall apply to any one of the seven judges who compose the judicial court and the judge so applyed to shall appoint a place and time for a meeting of the court and in writing authorise the marshalls to summons a sufficient number of judges to attend to compose a court at such place as he may deem most expedient to hold said court and further the judge so applyed to shall in writing authorise the marshall to summons all persons whoos testimony may be be nesasary in said case and to authorise the marshalls to notify the defendant. in such case of the place and time of

holding such court and summons all witnesses that either of the parties may require the court may previous to there proceding to investigate any case require the plaintiff and defendant to deposit a sufficient sum of money in there hands to defraay the expenses of said sut or the costs of said suit. and should either party refuse to deposit such sum of money the court may render judgment against such person refusing to doe the court shall in all cases brought before them be governed in their decissions by the laws of this association equity and justice[1]

sect 11. Any member refusing to be governed by the laws of the association or decission of the court shall no longer be considered a member and his name shall be striken from the association for the faithfull observance and mantanance of all the foregoing laws we mutualy pledge our honours, and subscribe our names here unto.

S H McCrory	Wm Morford
A D Stephen	Wesley Morford
G L Douglass	A D Packard
David Switzer	John A Street
John Morford	Wm C Massey
Wm Sturges	Jacob Earhart
I P Hamilton	Allin Baxter
Pleasant Harris	A Wolcott
John G Coleman	John Miller
Joel Dowell	P Crum
Wm M Harris	Benjamin Miller
John Willison	Joseph. Stover
John Burge	Jesse McCart
Saml Bumgardner	Nathaniels Fellows.
Yale Hamilton	John Trout

[1] Justice, I think, here means principles of right growing out of the conditions of the environment.

S P Hamilton
Elias Secor
John Earhart
Green Hill
Philip Clark
Henry G Reddout
Elijah Hilton
S B Mulholland
Wm Willson
Robert Walker—
William Jones
Eli Myers—
J G Morrow
S. C Trowbridge.
Elijah Hurley.
James S Wilkinson
John. Kight.
Anthony Sells
Griffeth Shreck
Jeremiah Stover
Joseph Walker
S. C. Hastings
W. B. Snyder
William Miller
Sion Hill
Nelson Hastings
S. H. Starr
Alexander McBaker
Adison C Chapman
John Abbott
Robert Waterson
Jonas Hartman
John Frierson
Cyrus. Sanders
Samul Welch
Suel Foster

Thomas. P. Mulholland
Thomas Holdren
Stephen Brown
Henry Felkner
Oliva. Curry.
P. C. Brown
E M Adams
Christopher Gove
William Baker
Perry Gourden
Wm H. Downey
Israel. S. Clark
William Felkner
Jesse Williams
H. Van Antwerp
Isaac McCorkel
James Miller
Louis Rauzahn
Azariah Pinney
I. N. Sanders
Isaac Bowen
David Cox
James Haiden
Morgan Kidder
George [ ]
John Mathews
Thomas Hall
David Odell
John Shoup
Robert Small
George G Oyler[1]
John Horner
John McCohan
John Lee
Wm Bagley
Henry Custer

[1] Perhaps Geo. G. Ogler.

J M Trift
Moses Adams
John Royal
Jno Parrott
Wm McCormick
Asaph Allen
C. L. Allen
Geo. T. Andrews
E. K. Morse
George. Shigley
Francis Kerr
Oliver Lindley
John B Adams
James Wamsley
Jesse Berry
Robert McKee
Saml Lovejoy
E D Stephen
A B Boge
C S Foster
A. Abel
Alphius Russell
Theodore Jennings
Daniel Duval
Elihu Duel
Walter Clark
Jackson Ponyue
J D Abel
S. B. Gardner
Austin Cole
Allen Stroud
Matthew. Tenick
John Reed
James Rock
Benjamin M Horner
Robert Hutchinson
Andrew T McIvain
Charles C Morgan
Lorenzo. D Swan
Thomas Green
Joshua Switzer
———Hedley
Henry Brown
Samuel Frost
John D Wolf
William Wain
Abraham. Miller
Jonathan Harris
H A Usher
J. V. Felkner
S. A. Abel
Edwin Berch
Jacob H Stover
F A. A Cobbs
Francis Thompson
Frederick Harter
Benjamin. P. Moore
Henry H Brown
Thomas B Brown
Wm W. Porter
David Garard
Nathan Odell
Peter A Douglas
Jas. Woodworth
S. S. White
John M. Kidder
William Murdock
Wm Murdock
James Smith
Bradford Henry
John Hawkins
Wm Jayne

William Robinson
David. Lindley
George Hepner
David Linley
Lewis B Costley
S S Swan
J G Gilmore
Robert Lucas
Azro Blake
John Cohick
Walter. Terrell
James Hill
,C. J. Vredenburg
Smiley. H. Bonham
Johanna Fesler
Titus R Fry
Jacob Overholser
Corydon C Brown
Andrew Mitchell
James Sehorn
George Weiss
P. H. Patterson
Daniel Barrett
F H Lee
A E McArthur
H S Coe
Franz [ ]
[ ]
John Rylert
Thos. M Henry
Joseph henry
D. A. Dewey[1]
Moses Croner
James P Carleton
Josiah Crawford
William Corcoran
W Harrison
James Lee
Joseph Shell
Wm Kemp
David Henry
F. H. Kimble
Wm Kemp
Peter Trimble
Robt. M. Secrest
A Willis
Walter. Butler
Chas. M. Calkin
John Sturgis Jr
Ezra Bliss M
L De Forest
Gurdon Hutchinson
Geo S Hampton
Seth Hanes[2]
Philo Costley
Wm P Doty
Martin M Montgomery
John Nortery
James Wells
David Ralston.
Lyman Dillon
H B Enos
Jams Williams
C. C. Catlett
Thomas E Torrance
E B Costley
R Willey
I N Blanten
R Willis
Wm Kemp
Jno Choate
S. M. Ballard

[1] Perhaps D. H. Dewey.

[2] Perhaps Seth Hines.

Elijah P Yost
P Arthur
R Ralston
Moses Hale
Thomas Jaytor
Henry Jaytor
Morgan Reno
James Trimble
William Henry
Warren B Morey
S B Morse
Silas Foster
John N Hedly
Joshua Switzer
Garrett Packard
Lewis D Houtz[1]
Buel Tyler
Rebecca Tyler

William Mitchell
Robt. Smith
John Cochran
James Cochran
L Wright
J B McGrew
Martin Harless
John Aglein
J. H Alt
A T Alt
John Eagan
Cabeb J. Vredenburg
John R Vanfleet
Julius G. Brown
Eran Dollarpid
Samuel [ ]
Warren Stiles
J H Hopin

[1] Perhaps Louis R. Foutz.

II.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

Napoleon Johnson County Febuary 3rd 1840
The Claim association of Johnson County met persuant to adjournment Mr A. D. Stephen in the Chair—on motion of Mr C Sanders the constitution of the association was red. On motion of S. H. M'Crory. the following amendment or addition was made to the third article and first section of the constitution of the association Viz all persons holding over a half section of land either by purchase or making claim there to shall be required to Expend in improvement or labour fifty Dollars everry six months hereafter from this date for everry quarter he or they may . . . . . [1] & above the half section or forfeit the same to . . . . . or labour to be done on any part of the persons . . . . . claim they may deem proper to put it on.
On motion of S H M'Crory the following amendment or addition was made to the 3 article and 5 Section. Viz. Provided they doe not change their permanent residence for a longer period than six months at any one time
On motion of S H M'Crory. the following addition or amendment was made to the 3 article & first sect Viz
all persons holding claims on lands that have been surveyed since the making of said claims shall be required to hand the number of qrs range & Township to the Clerk. whos duty it shall be to anex the same to the description of such claim free

[1] This and the following omissions are due to the mutilated condition of the original manuscript.

of any charge & further whenever any lands hereafter are surveyed. it shall be the duty of all persons holding claims thereon to hand in their numbers as aforsaid or forfeit the same ——no other amendment being offered The association proceeded to Elect officers for the ensuing year where . . . I N Sanders was declared duly [President] . . . . . S H M'Crory [was elected Clerk or Recorder]

Iowa. City. July 10th 1840
The claim association of Johnson County, pursuant to adjournment I N Sanders President in the chair the object of the meeting having been stated by the president. On motion of S. C. Trowbridge S H M'Crory was nominated Bidder for Townsh 79 N R. 6. west. and Cyrus Sanders assistant Bidder On motion of Wm. B Snyder the same bidders serve for Township 79 N R 5 west all of which was agred to on motion the association adjourned.

S H M'CRORY. Sect.

Iowa City Febuary. 1st 1841
The Johnson County claim association met pursuant to adjournment. the President not beeing in attendance on motion of Judge M'Cormick was called to preside On motion of Sqr. Stephen the constitution was red and the following amendment purposed which was purposed. and unanimously adopted Viz Claims that have been or that may be recorded hereafter No further amendments beeing offered on motion resolved that the association now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year whereupon . [Allen] Stroud was duly elected President and Philip Clark [Vice] President . . . S H M'Crory Clerk or recorder. A D Stephen Robert W[alker] . . . [William] Sturgis David Switzer Henry Felkner S B Gar[dner] . . . . . judicial committee . . . . Able and E K [Morse] . . . . . Marshal . . . . . .

S H M'CRORY Clerk

Iowa City February 7 1842

The Johnson County Claim association met pursuant to adjournment. Mr David Switzer in the Chair On motion the Constitution of the association was red after which the association went into an Election of officers for the ensuing year where on A D Stephen was Elected President Jacob Stover Vice President Wm P Doty and H G Reddout Marshalls Samuel H M'Crory Recorder. A D Stephen David Switzer Henry Felkner Robert Walker Cyrus Sanders Wm M'Cormick & C S Foster judicial committee On motion the association adjourned

S. H. M'CRORY Sect.

Iowa City July 2 1842

In pursuance of Public notice a meeting of the Johnson County Claim association was called A D Stephen President in the Chair On motion of C Sanders a committee of five persons was appointed to draft resolutions for the for the meeting whereon the following persons—was appointed said committee H Felkner S H M'Crory J Harris E Myers & Mr Weir—the committee retired and the constitution was red after which the committee made the following report

Resolved. that more effectually to sustain settlers in their just claims according to the custom of the neighborhood and to prevent difficulty and discord in society that we mutually pledge our honors to observe the following resolutions rigidly That we will not associate nor countenance those who do not respect the claims of settlers and further that we will neith neighbor with them . . . . Trade bater deal with them in any way whatever . . . . . enemys of justice and good order

Resolved that to avoid difficulty growing out of the circumstance of persons extending their improvements accidently on the claims of others before the Lines were run thereby giving the first setlr an opportunity or advantage of Preemption over the right ful owner that any person who hold such

advantages shall immediately relinquish all claim there to to the proper owner and any one refusing so to do shall forfeit all claim to the right of protection of the association
4 Resolved that we discountenance any attempts on the part of any and every person to intrude in any way upon the right ful claims of another and that the presumption is that a person thus attempting to take away a portion of the hard earnings of the enterprising and industrious setler is dishonest & no Gentlemen On motion the resolutions were unanimously adopted
On motion resolved that the proceedings & resolutions of this meeting be published in the Reporter & Standard
On motion the association adjourned

S H M'CRORY Sect.

Iowa City February 6 1843

The Johnson County Claim association met pursuant to adjournment A D Stephen President in the Chair On motion of F M Irish the association adjourned to meet on Saturday next at 10 o clock A M which was agreed to
S H M'CRORY Sect

Iowa City February 11 1843

The Johnson County Claim association met pursuant to adjournment. A D Stephen President in the chair the association being called to order on motion On motion the constitution was red. On motion of S C Trowbridge the officers of the association for last year to be continued this which was agreed to On motion of Judge Trimble the association now proceed to the election of bidders for Township 79 N R 6 west. whereupon S H M'Crory & Robert Hutchinson were duly Elected. On motion of A I Willis the association procede to Elect bidders. for Town 80 N R 6 W. where on H. Felkner & C Sanders was duly Elected. On motion of H Felkner the association proced to the Election of Bidders for Town 80 N Range 5 west where on H Felkner & C Sanders was duly Elected On motion of F M Irish a committee of 5

be appointed to draft resolution for this meeting whereon the Following gentlemen were appointed committee J P Carlton David Switzer John G Coleman and Wm M'Cormick & Mr D Jewett, the committee retired a short time & reported the following Resolution which on motion was receivd adopted

Whereas from the proclamation of the President of the United States there is to be a sale of the Townships yet unsold in this County at the town of Marian[1] on the 20 of this month & the 6 of March next and where as for the purpose of protecting the claimants and securing to him his just right & for the purpose of preventing the speculator from takin from the setler the hard earned fruits of his Labour— Therefore be it Resolved. that the members of this association hereby pledge themselves to unite their influence. to secure to each and every member of this association any claim to which he is justly entitled by preventing any other person or persons from entering the same without the claimants consent

. . . . . will at all times pledge

. . . . . and hereby pledge ourselves to cooperate with each other in enforcing all just measures that may be adopted for the protection of the claimants and setlers in their respective townships

Resolved that for the purpose of garding our rights against the speculator we hereby pledge ourselves to stand by each other and to remain on the ground until all the sales are over if it becomes necessary in order that each and every setler may be secured in the claim or claims to which he is justly entitled by the Laws of this association

Resolved that the same protection which is hereby pledged to the members of this association before the sale we hereby pledge ourselves to extend the same to all such members as may be unable to enter their claims at the sale after such sale and until the same may be entered by them

On motion Resolved that the editors of the Reporter and

[1] Marion in Linn County.

Standard be requested to publish the proceding of the association at this their meeting

On motion the association adjourned to meet at Marian on the 20 of this month

S H M'CRORY Sect. A D STEPHEN Prest

J H STOVER V P

III.

RECORDED CLAIMS.

[1][1]

Description of a Claim made by Robert Moore on the twelfth day of March 1839 situated on Old mans Creek in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa about one and a half miles from the House now Occupied by Mr Seacord in a west or North westerly direction beginning at a marked Red Oak tree marked R Moore & running a westerly Direction as marked supposed to be about half a mile to a marked Bur Oak Tree on the bank of the creek, then Southerly across the Creek One mile to a Stake marked and stuck in the Prairie then Easterly one half mile to a marked stake then northerly to the place of beginning supposed to contain about three hundred and twenty acres. of Land.

ROBERT MOORE

Handed in for record March 14th 1839.

March 11 1839. A claim made by myself commencing at the N E Corner of the supposed school section running one mile west to the N W corner of the school section thence A half mile North thence one mile East joining Royals & Woolcotts claims, thence a half mile South to the place of commencing containing 320 acres the above claim made 27 March 1838.

PETER CRUM

[1] The numbers running through the body of the text indicate pages in the original manuscript.

Also 160 acres commencing at the N. W. Corner of the Parsons Claim joining the parsons Claim on the North running half a mile East. thence a half a mile South thence a half a mile west thence to the place of commencement.
Handed in for record March 14th 1839. PETER. CRUM

The following is a description of my Claim made the latter part of October or forepart of November 1837 — Described as follows. the North west quarter. of section Twenty Three and the North half of section Twenty Two. Township seventy nine North Range six west of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey made by George Bumgardner — given under my hand this fifteenth day of March 1839. the above claim is bounded on the west by the Iowa River & on the South by Philip Clark
16th March 1839. A D STEPHEN[1]

[2]

The Following is the Description of my Claim made on or about the tenth of June 1838[2] being the south west quarter of section Twenty Three Township seventy nine North Range six west of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey made by George Bumgardner given under my hand and seal this 16 day of March 1839. S. B. MULHOLLAND.
16th March 39.

This is a description of a claim that I want you to record for me Commencing at the N. W. Corner with Steven Chase and Running South 160. rods. thence east one mile then 160 R N. then one mile west. Bounded on the north by the com-

[1] At one time President of the Johnson County Claim Association.

[2] It will be observed that many of the claims here recorded were made long before the organization of the Claim Association.

panys claim on the west. by Steven Chases on the south Eli Myers claim. JOHN WILLISON.
(—)March 1839.

The following is a description of my claim that I wish recorded commencing on the bank of the Iowa River on the line or corner—between my self and Joel Dowell and running one & a half miles due west to a Stake in the Prairie thence due South half a mile to a Stake in the Prairie thence due East one and a half miles or to the Iowa River thence up the river to the place of beginning the above claim is About one and a half miles below old mans creek this claim was made the 3 of June last JAMES S WILKINSON
March 19. 1839.
19 March 1839.

[3]

The following is a description of my claim made about the 15 of January 1838. that I wish recorded. Situated on Rapid Creek About Two Miles above Felkners & Myers mill Johnson County Iowa Territory Commencing about 20 Rods South of Rapid Creek at a double white Oak Tree Blazed & 3 notches on one side and 4 on the other and then running West three fourths of a mile to a double white Oak on the east side of a small branch Blazed and marked as before described then running North about three fourths of a mile to a white Oak tree Blazed and marked as before then running East about three fourths of a mile to a small Bur Oak tree on the west side of Rapid Creek marked and blazed as before mentioned then running South crossing Rapid Creek to the place of beginning GRIFFITH SHRECK
March 20th 1839.
20 March 1839.

The following is the descriptions and boundrys of our claims as given by actual survey by G. S. Douglass [1] (to wit) the entire sixth section of Township seventy nine north Range five west of the fifth principal meridian and the south East quarter of section thirty one Township Eighty North range five west likewise the North west quarter of section five Township seventy nine North range five west. beeing six quarter sections in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa. which claims was made between the tenth and fifteenth of May 1838— The above claims are staked and blazed on each side and the Innitials of our names are marked at each corner so that they may be easily found and the lines easily followed.

Witness GREEN his × mark HILL

G. S. Douglass SION HILL

handed in for record. March 21st 1839.

March 22 1839. A Claim made by myself commencing on the N. E. Corner with John Royal running half a mile south thence a Half mile west thence half mile North thence to the place of commencement. containing 160 acres also 320 acres lying west on the old mans Creek. one mile commencing under the Bluff. on the south east corner. on the south side of the creek running one mile north thence a half a half mile west cornering with the claim I sold Peter Crum thence running on his line one mile south thence to the place of commencement. the east and west lines crossing the old mans creek so to include all the timber on the creek. ELIAS SECORD.

The above claim was made in May 1838 handed in for record March 23rd 1839.

[1] Note the fact that some of the settlers had private surveys made of their claims.

[4]

The following is a description of a Claim I made in November 1837. situate on the Iowa River commencing at a Red Oak Tree on the bank of the river with the letters J. W. cut on it and then running due south about three fourths of a mile[1] to a small maple tree on the bank of Iowa River thence with the meandrings of the River to the place of beginning the above claim is below rapid creek and about. oposite to the mouth of Cleer Creek on the other side of the Iowa River.
handed in for Record March 23rd 1839. JOSEPH WALKER

The following is a description of a Claim made by S H McCrory & A D Stephen in May or June 1838. situated and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa. the same beeing the South East quarter of section Thirty one and the south west quarter of section thirty Two Township seventy North range five west of the fifth principal meridian the above land or claim lyes on Gilberts Creek & about two miles due east of Gilberts Trading House and embraces a Grove of timber S H McCrory has the undivided three fourths of the above claim & A D Stephen the undivided one fourth
S H McCRORY & A D STEPHEN
handed in for Record March 25th 1839.

The following is a description of a part of a claim made by S. H. McCrory in June or July 1838. the same beeing the south half of the south East quarter of section thirteen Township seventy nine North range 6 west of the fifth principal meridian also the south half of the south west quarter of section Eighteen Township seventy nine North range five west of the fifth principal meridian
Lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of

[1] Descriptions are frequently indefinite in cases of unsurveyed claims.

Iowa. and joining a claim I purchased on the North

SAML H MCCRORY.

handed in for Record March 26th 1839.

The following is a description of a claim I made about the first of April 1838 which I wish Recorded. the same beeing the North Half of the south East quarter of section seventeen & North East. quarter of section seventeen & the south East quarter of section Eight and the south half of the North East quarter of section Eight all in Township seventy nine North Range five west of the fifth principal meridian and bounded on the west by Charles Jones Claim Johnson County Iowa Territory

WILLIAM his mark. JONES

handed in for Record March 26 1839.

[5]

The following is a description of a claim I made about the Eighteenth of March 1839. commencing on the North East corner. of the school section[1] of seventy Nine North range five west. of the fifth principal meridian at a marked bur or white Oak Tree with the letters C J marked there on then running North West to a white Oak or Bur Oak Tree Marked as before mentioned supposed to be a mile and a quarter then East with a blazed line about one mile or there abouts to a marked Black Oak then south about one mile to a marked Bur Oak. then west to the place of beginning supposed to contain three quarter sections which I wish record in my name.

CHARLES his mark JONES.

handed in for Record March 26th 1839.

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[1] Section sixteen of the township was reserved for school purposes.

The following is the description of Two quarter sections of Land that I made claim to about the middle of April 1838 lying in a. N. E. direction from Napoleon[1] about one and a half miles distant and bounded as follows on the south by Wilcox claim on the East by S H McCrory On the North by Elijah Hilton on the west by William Sturgis the above quarters are the south west quarters of sections Twelve and Thirteen Township seventy nine North range six west of the fifth principal meridian also the North East quarter of section nineteen Township seventy nine North range 5 west of the fifth principal meridian bounded on the North by Street or Hastings claim on the east by G L Douglass on the west by Sewell Foster. and not known by whoom on the south I made claim to the above quarter section about the 5 of March 1839. Johnson County Iowa Territory which I wish recorded to me handed in 26 March. 39. S. C. TROWBRIDGE[2]

The following is a description of a Claim I made on the 25 day of March 1839 which I wish recorded to me bounded on the East by Green Hill on the North and west by Felkner & Myers. the same beeing the south west quarter of section Thirty One Township 80 North Range five west of the fifth principal meridian also the south East quarter of section thirty six Township Eighty North range six (6) west of the fifth principal meridian the above land is principally Barrons[3] and Lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa.

handed in 26 March PATRICK his × mark SMITH

[1] Napoleon, now extinct, was located about one and a half miles south of Iowa City. It was the first town in Johnson County and also the first county seat. See Shambaugh's *Iowa City*, pp. 20--22, 52.

[2] Mr. Trowbridge was the first sheriff and the organizer of Johnson County.

[3] Barrens in this connection meant open land without timber.

[6]

The following is a description of a claim I made on the 27 day of March 1839. which I wish recorded to me the south west quarter of section Thirty one Township seventy nine North range 5 west and the south East quarter of section thirty six Township 79 North range 6 west and bounded on the east by McCrorys & Stevns claim & not known whoom on the other sides the above claim has been staked of and the letters J K. written on each corner. JOHN. KIGHT
handed in 28th March 1839.

The following is a description of a claim I wish Recorded commencing at a hicky Elm on the bank of the Iowa River about ten rods above the mouth of a little branch that emtys in at the North end of Napoleon then running east of North up the branch to a hickry Elm at the mouth of a slough that runs out of the Iowa river then running up the slough a North west course to a small Red Oak on the bank of the River Iowa then down the River to the beginning the above claim was made about the tenth of May 1838.
handed in 26 March 1839. BENJAMIN MILLER

The following is a description of claims which we wish recorded Viz the East half of section 25. Township 80. North Range 6 west
The North half of the N E. quarter 36. T. 80 N. R 6 west
The west half of the S. W. quarter Sect 36 T 80 N. R 6 W.
The east half of section 35. Township–80 N R 6 W
The North East quarter of section 2. Towns 79 N. R 6. W.
The above claims are situated on Rapid Creek. five miles N. East of Napoleon and were made about the middle of December 1837. HENRY FELKNER.
handed in March 28th 1839. ELI MYERS—

The following is a description of a claim I made on the 27 day of March 1839. situate and lying in the county of Johnson. &. Territory of Iowa the same beeing the East half of section Thirty Two. and the south half of the North East quarter. of section Thirty one & the south half of the North West quarter of section Thirty Two. Township seventy nine North Range 5 west of the fifth principal meridian the above claim is surveyed and staked off and the letters W B. S. placed on every corner. situated on Gilberts Creek. & about 2 miles East of Gilberts old trading house[1] & joining a claim I purchased of McCrory & Stephen W. B SNYDER—
handed in March 28th 1839.

[7]

Description of a Claim to a tract or parcel of land Claim made there unto by by Asby. D. Packard about the 10 of June 1838. .A. D. lying and beeing on Old mans Creek about five miles above the claim made by Parcins & Bounded as follows commencing at a Red Oak stake in the Prairie the west from said Stake a half mile to a hickry Stake in the Praire at the foot of the Bluff. then south across the creek one mile to a Black Oak tree then East half a mile from said tree to a white oak tree thence North across the creek to the place of beginning containing one half section of land more or less

ASBY. D. PACKARD—

handed in for record March 23rd 1839.

Described as follows. Commencing at a certain Oak Tree at the North East corner Running South 1 Onile to a certain Stake at the South East Corner thence west ½ mile to a Certain stake at the south west corner thence North 1 mile to a

[1] An Indian trading house established in Johnson County at an early day.

certain Bur Oak Tree at the North west corner thence East ½ mile to the place of beginning containing 320 Acres
I therefore State upon Onour that WM M HARRIS
there is no other claim on the same
Sent in 29 March 1839

The following is a description of a claim which I wish to have Recorded Viz the south half of the south west quarter of Section Twenty five Town 80 range 6 west and the North west quarter of Section 36. Town & Range aforsaid the N W qr of Sec 12 Town 79 Range 6. west ELIJAH HILTON
the two first named tracts are bounded
on the North by Mr Fosters claim on the East by
Myers & Felkner. on the south by J A Street & Wilcox
& on the west by Myers & Felkner——
handed in 29 March 1839

William Morfords Claim is as follows. beginning on the bank of the Iowa River at Bur Oak thence running Eastward (bounded on the south with coalman & Culver) one & half miles to the surveyd lands. thence North (bounded on the East with the surveyd lands) Eighty Rod to a post thence west (bounded by John I Burge on the North) to the Iowa River thence down said River to the place of beginning
March 21st 1839
handed in March 29th 1839 WILLIAM his × mark MORFORD

[S]

North East Corner a Cotten Wood tree from thence to the River thence up the river to a Hickery Elm tree thence with the meanderings of the River to a Black Oak tree thence with the River to a white Oak tree thence south to a jack

Oak tree thence back to the place of beginning three quarter sections included the above claim was made in April 1838 handed in March 29th 1839 ALLEN. BAXTOR

John G Colemans Claim in Johnson County on Old mans Creek. made by Mr Wolcott about the first of January 1839. for which said Coleman paid said Wolcott five Dollars as hire[1] beginning at the south west corner at 2 Stakes on a little rise in the prairie thence North one mile to a post thence East ¾ of a mile to a white Oak thence one mile South to a white Oak thence west. ¾ of a mile to the place of beginning the middle or west fork of said creek runs through near the middle of said claim I doe hereby pledge my honour, that there is no persons on said claim and that there is no other claimant to my knowledge March 20th 1839.
handed in 29th March 1839 JOHN. G. COLEMAN—

A description of a Claim which I wish to have Recorded commencing at the south east corner at a Cotten Wood tree standing on the bank of the River Iowa which corners with W. M. Massey. then running three hundred and Twenty Rods. to the south end of a little grove corners at a Bur Oak corners with William Massey then running Eighty Rods North to a Stake cornerning with J Miller then running three hundred and Twenty Rods. East to a Stake on the River Bank then Running down the river back again the above claim was made September the 15. 1837.
handed in March 30th. 1839. WILLIAM MILLER

A description of this claim which I wish to have recorded commencing. at the North East corner. at a Black oak on

[1] Note the case of Mr. Coleman paying a man $5.00 to make a claim—an unusual occurrence.

the river marked W. M. cornering with Wm Massey. then running one hundred and sixty rods west to a cotton wood then south eighty rods. to a red oak cornering with I P Hamilton then running one hundred and sixty rods to the River Iowa to a Cotton wood tree then to the beginning the above claim was made September 15th 1837
handed in March 30 1839 WILLIAM MILLER

[9]

This is the description of a Claim I wish to have recorded, commencing at a Stake at the S. E. corner then running North 160 Rods to a Stake then west 360 Rods then South 160. to a Stake then East 360 Rods said claim is Bounded on the E by the Iowa River N by the school Section West by Uncle Sam[1] South by John Miller said claim is in Johnson County Iowa Territory made September 15 1837.
handed in March 30th 1839. BENJAMIN MILLER

This is the description of a claim I wish to have Recorded Situated on the west side of the Iowa River oposite of the Town of Napoleon bounded of the E by the Iowa River commencing at a cotten wood tree at the N E corner. and then running west ¾ of a Mile to a certain Stake then south ¾ of a Mile to a stake thence ¾ of a mile to the Iowa River said claim is bounded on the N by William Miller on the West by I P Hamilton on the the South by William Millers. & on the East by the Iowa River as above named said claim is situated in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iow Made the 4 day of April 1838 WILLIAM C MASSEY
handed in March 30th 1839

A description of this Claim which I wish to have recorded Commencing at a Stake at the N. E. Corner cornering with

[1] "Uncle Sam" i. e. government lands.

B. Miller then running west 320 Rods then 80 Rods South cornering with William Miller then Running 320 East to a Stake on the River then up the River 80 Rods to the Beginning the above claim was made the 15 of September 1837
handed in March 30th 1839 JOHN MILLER

This is a description of a claim I wish to have recorded on the beginning at a certain Dry Elm stub thence running west One mile to a certain white Oak tree thence south ¾ of a mile to a certain hickory Stake[1] Standing in the Prairie then East to a certain black oak tree standing on the Bank of the River thence North a ½ mile to the place of beginning

Made September 12th 1838
YALE. HAMILTON

[10]

Commencing at a Stake East of old mans creek. and on the North Line of Peter Crums Claim Running west three fourths of a Mile thence North one mile thence East three fourths thence south one mile to place of beginning
handed in April 1st 1839 A. WOLCOTT.

April 1st 1839.
Commencing at the river about 60 or 80 Rods north from the mouth of the creek. from thence Three fourths of a mile East Thence south one half mile thence west of the River the above creek mentioned is known by the name of Turkey Creek about three miles above Rapid Creek the above claim was made by me on or about the first of May 1838.
handed in April 1st 1839. WILLIAM STURGIS

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[1] On the prairie stakes were stuck in the ground to mark the boundaries of claims.

The following is a description of a claim I made in May 1838 which I wish recorded to me the same beeing the East half of section thirty four T 80 N. Range 6 West & the North E. quarter of section three Town 79. North Range 6 west the above claim lyes on Rapid Creek Johnson County Iowa Territory. HENRY. G. REDDOUT.
handed in April 2nd 1839.

The following is a description of a claim I made which I wish Recorded to me situated and lying in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same lying and beeing on the Prairie North East from the trading House about one & a half miles and embracing a small grove of timber at the head of some low lands lying N. E. of the trading House the above claim commences at the S. E. Corner on the township line and runs one mile due west then half a Mile North then one mile due East then half a mile due South to the place of beginning containing one half section which was made the 3 day of January 1839. Also one quarter section the same beeing the south west quarter of section one Town 79. North R. 6. west of the 5 principal meridian the claim to this quarter was made about the last of Febuary 1839. JOHN. A. STREET.

The following is a description of a quarter section of land which I. have laid claim to this day that I wish recorded the same is situated on the Prairie N. E. of the Trading House about 2 miles and commencing on the N. E. Corner of a claim I swaped with Henry G Reddout & running with said Reddouts line west ½ mile then half a mile North then half a mile East to the Township Line then south ½ a mile to the place of beginning. JOHN. A. STREET
April 2nd 1839.
handed in April 2nd 1839—

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The following is a description of a Part of a claim I wish recorded that was made in October 1837. the same beeing two fractions the south west fractional quarter of Section Ten[1] & the south East fractional quarter of section nine Lying on the Iowa River Town 79. N. R 6. W. Johnson County Iowa Territory containing 160 acrs. SAML BUMGARDNER
handed in 3rd April 1839

The following is a description of a Claim made by me on the third day of April A D 1839 situated and bounded as follows. commencing at the South west corner. on a white Oak Tree thence North one Mile to a white Oak tree. thence East Three fourths of a mile to a white Oak thence south one mile to a white Oak thence thence west three fourths of a mile to the place of beginning beeing three quarter sections situated two miles North of Rapid Creek with the enetials of my Name on each corner which claim I wish recorded to me
Big Grove[2] April 4th 1839 NELSON. HASTINGS
handed in April 4th 1839.

The following is a description of a claim made by me on or about the twenty sixth of March 1839. it beeing the West half of Sect 20. Town 79 N. R. 5 west also the North half of the south E. qr of do 20 " 79 N R 5 do likewise a certain tract or parcel of land situated in or near section Ten Town 79. N. R. 5. W. of 5 Principal meridian the claim is timber and described as follows commencing at the N E. Corner. at a white oak with several marked Trees in the vicinity thence

[1] First claim made to any part of the present site of Iowa City.

[2] "Big Grove," lying between the Iowa and Cedar rivers, was pronounced to be one of the largest and best bodies of timber in the Territory of Iowa —See Shambaugh's *Iowa City*, p. 26.

running west one quarter of a mile by a blazed Line to a Black Oak. Thence south half a mile another Black Oak thence East one quarter of a mile to another Black Oak. And supposed to contain Eighty acres of land the last described Claim is bounded on the North by Elijah Hurley. the above described claims are staked blazed and marked according to law. and I wish them recorded to me LUKE DOUGLASS[1]
Big Grove April 2nd 1839
handed in April 4th.

A Description of a claim of Prairie made by me bounded on the south McCart Harris and Shattucks Claim west by Stakes and Trees North by blazed Trees and east by the Iowa River also a claim of Timber of the East side of the River beginning oposite the south Line of the Prairie running East by blazed Trees to a white Oak. thence North. to a Bur Oak thence west to a white Hickery on the Bank of the River thence down the River to the place of beginning the whole supposed to contain 320 acres. the above claim was made March 1st 1838. JOHN. EARHART.
handed in 4 April 1839.

[12]

Description of a claim to a Tract or parcel of land claim made there Unto by Asby. D. Packard May 20th 1838 lying on Old mans Creek about three quarters of a mile south of the house Parcins bilt and occupyed for a time and is bounded as follows Commencing at a white Oak Tree About five Rods east of said Creek thence west across the Creek a half mile to a Red Oak Stake stuck in the Prairie South across the creek a half mile from said Stake to a white Oak Stake in the Prairie on the side of the hill thence east half a mile from said Stake to a Black Oak Tree thence North one half a Mile to

[1] First clerk of Johnson County.

the place of beginning containing one quarter section of Land
handed in April 4th 1839. ASBY. D. PACKARD.

The following is a Description of my claim the North East quarter of section 26, Town 79. N R. 6. W. and One quarter section bounded as follows On the East by Mr A Street On the South by Henry Reddout the same beeing the south west qr of S. 24 Town 79. N. R. 6 west situated on the Prairie N E of the trading House. [1]
handed in April 6th 1839. SAMUEL. BUMGARDNER

The following is the description of a claim I wish to have Recorded situated on the Iowa River in the County of Johnson commencing on the bank of the Iowa a a maple Tree and then running half a Mile North to a Elm Tree then one mile west to a Red Oak. then half a Mile south to a white oak on the bank of the River then with the River to the place of beginning containing about 320 acres the above claim was made in Febuary. 1839

handed in 6 April 1839. WESTLEY × MORFORD.
his mark

The following Claim was made by me on or about the fiftheenth of January 1839. Viz the west half of the South west quarter of section 25. & the south west quarter of section Two according to a survey made by Luke Douglass the above mentioned claims are in Township 79 N R 6 west April 6th 1839
handed in 6 April WILLIAM STURGIS

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[1] Gilbert's trading house.

The following is a Description of a Claim I wish Recorded situated in the County of Johnson &. Territory of Iowa the same beeing the west half of the N. West qr of Sect 7. Ton. 79. N R 5 west bounded on the East. by Jones on the N by Green Hill West by McCrory & Wilcox on the South by McCrory which was made in April 1838.
handed in 6 of April 1839 ELIJAH HURLEY

[13]

The following is a description of a claim made April the 1st 1839. which I wish to have recorded Viz beginning at the south East corner at a white oak tree thence North one mile to a white Oak tree thence west half a mile to another white Oak Tree thence south one mile to a white oak Tree then East to the place of beginning the above claim is situated in Town. 80 North Range 5. or. 6 West.
handed in April 6th 1839. S. H. STARR

Description of a Claim of Timber made by me on the 14 day of May 1838 beginning at a soft maple on the North bank of the Iowa River running North to a white Oak. thence Easterly adjoining John Earharts to another white Oak. thence south to a white Elm. on the Bank of the River thence up the River to the place of beginning also a claim of Prairie bounded South by Cleer Creek west by Nathaniel Fellows. North by a line of Stakes East by a claim Bought of John Earhart by McCart Harris Shattuck & Fuller—also the undivided third part of a claim made by Fuller. Harris & my self. bounded East by Nathaniel Fellows. North by Blazed Trees West by Thomas Bolsters now in the possession of John Hedley South by Blazed Trees on the south side of Clear Creek to the foot of a grove of timber then down clear creek. following the meanderings of the Creek to the west line of Nathaniel Fellows. the whole supposed to contain 480 acres
handed in April 6th 1839. JESSE. MCCART

The following is a description of a made by McCrory and Stephen On or Near the first of April 1839 situated on the Prairie N E from the trading House [1] about one & a half miles and embraces a small Grove of Timber & the same beeing the N E. qr of Section Thirty six Town 79. N R 6 west. & Bounded on the South by Kight on the East by Hilton [2]
handed in April 7th. 1839. McCRORY. &. STEPHEN

The following Claim was made by me on or about the 15 of January 1839. is situated on the Iowa River beeing a fraction on the river containing part of the East half of the S W qr of Sect. 3 Town 79. N R 6 west on the East side of the River.
handed in April 6th 1839—— WM. STURGIS

[*14*]

You will record the following described Claim bounded as follows *Viz* beginning at G Shrecks South East corner thence South to the N. E. corner of S E qr sect. 30. Town 80. N R 5 west thence west to N W corner of same qr. thence North one hundred and Twenty Rod to said Shrecks line thence East to the place of beginning supposed to contain 120 acres April 9th 1839 also the North w. qr of Sect 31. Town 79 North R 5 west of the fifth Principal meridian & Bounded on the south by Kight on the west by McCrory & Stephen.
handed in April 9th 1839. ELIJAH. HILTON

The following is a description of a claim I made about the last of March which I wish recorded to me the same beeing the west half of the North west. quarter of. Section One Town 78

[1] Gilbert's trading house

[2] This claim was afterwards relinquished by McCrory and Stephen to Williams and Van Antworp.

North Range 6 West of the fifth Principal meridian lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa
handed in April 8th 1839. WILLIAM WILLSON

The following is a description of a claim made the 6 day of April 1839 beeing bounded South by Saml Bumgardner On the west by the River on the East by A Street. running North from Bumgardners claim one half mile lying on Rapid Creek. Supposed to contain a quarter Section WILLIAM WILLSON
handed in April 8th 1839.
N W qr of sect 34. T. 80 N R. 6. W.

The follwing is a description of a claim we made about the 15 of June 1838. beeing the N. W. qr of Sect 11 & the North half of section Ten Town 79 N R 6. West of 5 principal meridian which we wish recorded to us [1]
handed in April 8th 1839 SAMUEL. B. MULHOLLAND
WILLIAM. WILLSON.

[15]

A description of a Claim I wish recorded the same beeing the N E. qr of Section 23 Town 79 N R 6 west & the S. E. qr of sect 3. T—79 N R 6 west
April 8th 1839—— SAMUEL BUMGARDNER
handed in April 9th 1839

A Description of a part of a Claim beeing bounded on the South By Henry Reddout from his North west corner Running

[1] This was the first claim made to the north half of section ten, the section on which the seat of government of Iowa Territory was located on May 4th, 1839. The territorial commissioners allowed Messrs. Mulholland & Willson to bid in the land on which their claim cabin stood at a nominal price.

North to the River where J Walker & Stover made then North East Corner on Henry Reddout old line beeing bounded on the west by H Reddout Old Line & the River on the North by William Willson on the East by A Street the same supposed to contain about one hundred & sixty acres
handed in April 9th 1839 SAMUEL BUMGARDNER

Description of Alexander McBakers claim made March 6. 1839 in Johnson County Iowa Territory beginning at a Stake supposed to be on the west line of the N W. qr of sect. 19. T 80 N R 5 W thence East 240 Poles [1] to a Stake thence North 240 Poles to a Large white Oak. thence west 240. poles to three white Oaks. on the west bank of a large Slue [2] thence south 240 Poles down the west side of said Slue to the place of beginning ALEXANDER MCBAKER
handed in April 9. 1839

[16]

The following is the description of our Prairie Claim [3] made on the 13 of day of April 1838 situate about one mile from the Iowa River in the County of Johnson. commencing at the N E Corner at a marked Stake in the Prairie then running west about one mile to a marked Stake then south to a Stake Three fourths of a mile then East one mile to a Stake then North ¾ of a mile to the place of Beginning and bounded on the west by John Galer—on the East by Adam Galers claim on the North by William Galers claim of Prairie containing about 3 qr Sections also a Timber Claim [3] situated on the Iowa River commencing at a small branch called Indian Run at the mouth of said Run at 3 Bur Oaks. then running west one mile to a

[1] In these records distance is variously designated by miles, rods, feet poles and chains.

[2] Slough.

[3] In some communities it was customary for each settler to make two claims—a prairie claim and a timber claim.

marked white Oak. then running south ¾ of a mile or there abouts to a Black Oak then East One mile to an Elm on or near the Bank of the River at the mouth of a small Run [1] then North to the place of beginning with the meanderings of the River the above timber claim contains about 3 qr Sections & bounded on the west by John Galers Claim of Timber on the south by Martin Harlins Prairie Claim

ADISON C CHAPMAN

handed in April 13th 1839 JOHN ABBOTT

A description of a claim made by me on the Prairie south of Jesse McCarts Claim and part of Mr Shattucks Claim beginning at a Stake at the N. W. Corner. running a southerly direction to a Bur Oak Tree thence running an easterly direction by Stakes to a nother Bur Oak Tree thence a northerly direction by Stakes to another Bur Oak tree thence westerly direction to the above mentioned supposed to contain half section of land also another quarter Section of timber land situated on the south side of Nathaniel Fellows Claim marked around by blazed[2] Trees. claim made June 1838

handed in 14th April 1839 OLIVIA CURRIER.

C. P. Browns Claim. Commencing at the N. E. Corner of Mr Culvers. claim from thence running North on the west line of Mr McBakers Claim 120. poles. from thence west 560. poles from thence south 120 Poles from thence East 560 poles— P. C BROWN

[1] A small stream.

[2] It has perhaps been noticed that the boundaries of claims in the timber are designated by *blazed trees*. A blazed tree is one which has been hewed out on one side for the purpose of exposing a surface that can be marked. On the exposed surface the claim-holder frequently cut or burned the initial letters of his name.

E M Adams Claim
Commencing at the N E Corner of P. C. Browns Claim & running west & North in like manner as his—
handed in 14 April 1839 E M ADAMS—

The Following Eighty acre lot of land I wish Recorded to me the same beeing the East half of the N W qr of section One Town 78 North. Range 6 west situated on or Near Gilberts Creek in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa. & Bounded on the west by William Willsons claim the above claim is Prairie & staked of with the initials of my name on the corners. made about the 15 of April 1839.

JOHN KIGHT

handed in 17 April 1839.

[17]

Description of a claim of Timber made by us on the 15 day of April 1839 beginning at a white oak running in a Northerly direction to a Red Oak thence an Easterly direction to a Red Elm on the Bank of the Iowa River thence down the River bank to the place of beginning also a claim of Prairie bounded East by Chapmans and Knappers south west and North by Stakes with our full Names on each Corner the whole sup-to contain 640 acres.
handed in April 19 1839. ROBERT WATTERSON
handed in 19 April 1839 JAMES. HARTMAN

The following is a Tru description of a claim (mostly Praire) which is the Only One I have made in Johnson County Viz Beginning at a small cherry marked with my name in a hazel pach a mile & a half. East of Mr Jones. thence North a half mile to a stake in the Prairie thence East half a mile to another Stake in the Prairie thence west half a mile to another

Stake thence south ½ a mile to the place of beginning the area Marked off includes a Small Clump of scattering Bur Oaks. several of which are Blazed and my name written thereon JOHN FRIERSON
April 22nd 1839.
handed in 22nd April 1839——

The following is a description of a claim which I have made in Johnson County Iowa Territory beginning at a Stake in the Prairie about one half mile N E of a grove claimed by E Hurley and L Douglass thence North One mile to a Stake thence East one half mile to a Stake thence south one mile to a Stake near the N. E. extremity of a small grove thence west ½ mile to the beginning Also Eighty acres of Timber lying ½ mile west of aforsaid claim & bounded by E Hurleys claim on the south said claim is distinctly marked out and the initials of my. name marked on Oak Trees at each Corner
April 22d 1839—— CYRUS SANDERS[1]
handed in 22

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[18]

Description of a claim to a Tract or parcel of land Claim made there unto by David Switzer on the 12 day of March 1839. lying and beeing on old mans Creek and described as follows. Beginning for the out lines of the same at a Stake Stuck in the Prairie about ½ mile west of the Claim said Switzer lately purchased of Jonathan Harris & running west from said stake half a mile across the Creek to a stake then south one mile to a stake then East half of a mile to a stake then north to the place of beginning containing one half section of land more or less. DAVID SWITZER
handed in March 29th 1839.

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[1] First surveyor of Johnson County.

The following is a description of a Claim I made in Febuary 1839. which I wish recorded situated in Johnson County Iowa Territory Bounded as Follows. On the South by Jones Claim On the west and North by Green Hills containing 320 Acres CHRISTOPHER GOVE
handed in April 26. 1839

The following is a description of a Claim I made in April which I wish recorded situated in the county of Johnson and on the east side of the Iowa River and about 10 miles above Napoleon commencing at the south west corner. at a white Elm Near the bank of the Iowa River then East with Blazed Lines about one mile to a Marked white Oak. then North about half a mile with blazed Lines to a Linn Tree then west. about one mile with Blazed Line to a Linn Trree Near the the River then south with the meanderings of the River to the place of beginning the corners have my name on each of them supposed to contain half section May. 7. 1839.
handed in May 7th 1839 WILLIAM BAKER.

The following is a description of a Claim. I. made in April which I wish recorded situated on the East side of the Iowa River about 8 or nine miles above Napoleon commencing at the South west Corner. at a Iron wood. Tree near the bank of. the River then Running East one mile with Blazed Lines to a trree then North half a mile with Blazed Lines to a White Oak then west one mile with Blazed Lines to a Red Oak Near the Bank of the River then with the meanderings of the River south to the place of beginning supposed to contain half a section the corners of the above claim have my name on them May 7th 1839.
handed in May 7th 1893. PERRY. JORDEN

[19]

The following is the description of a Claim I made in Febuary which I wish recorded the same beeing the North half of of the south west quarter of section 25. & the south half of the North west quarter of same section the same beeing in Town 80 N. Range six west & the west half of section Nineteen Town 79 N Range 5 west of the fifth principal meridian according to a Survey of claims made by Douglass. the above claim is blazed and staked of & my name on the corners May 9th 1839
handed in May 9th 1839. SUEL FOSTER

The Following is a description of a claim I made in Jany. or Febuary. which I wish recorded to me situated on the west side of the Iowa River commencing at the N Eeast Corner. on the Bank of the Iowa River at a marked buch tree then running south one mile with Mr George Denizens line to a Elm stake in the Prairie then west one half mile to a Marked Hickery Stake [1] then North one mile to a burch Tree on the Bank. of. the River then East. with the meanderings of the River to the place of beginning supposed to. contain half section. the initials of my name have been placed on each corner of the above claim. May 9th. 1839
handed in May 9 1839. ISRAEL. L. CLARK

The following is a description of a Claim I made on or about the last of Febuary 1839. situated on the Iowa River about 10 Miles above Napoleon commencing on the bank of the River at an elm Tree marked with my name & then running East or Near east about 3/8 of a mile to a Red Oak Tree then North one mile with blazed Lines to a ash tree then west with blazed

[1] Stakes used to mark claim lines on the prairie were frequently marked, as were the blazed trees, with the initials of the claimant's name.

Lines. about 3/8 of a mile to a white walnut near the Bank of the River then with the river to the place of beginning the above claim embraces a sugar Grove & I believe it is the first sugar grove on the River above Napoleon.

Handed in May 15th 1839. WILLIAM × his mark MORFORD

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[20]

Mr McCrory. sir I wish you to record the following described claim The South East quarter of section Twenty six Township 80 North Range six west the same beeing made by me this 22. May 1839. ELIJAH. HILTON
handed in May 22nd 1839

The Following described claim. I. wish Recorded the south half of the N E qr of section 36. Town 80. N. Range. said claim was made this 25th May——1839——
handed in May 27th 1839. WILLIAM FELKNER

March the 1839.
Claimed by A. Sells that tract of land land on and Near the mouth of silver Creek in the Neighborhood of Parks and Westlins[1] commencing Near the mouth of the east branch of said Creek thence running creek one half mile thence North half a mile thence west half mile thence to the place of beginning
handed in May 27th 1839-——— A. SELLS

The Following is a description of a claim which we made on on the 28 day of May 1839. it beeing the N E. quarter of sect

[1] A neighborhood or community not unfrequently took the name of a prominent inhabitant.

36 Town ship 79. N R (6) west also the S. E. Quarter (25) of said Township and Range also the South half of section (30) of Township 79. & Range (5) which claim we want recorded ——the above claim is Stake of and our names placed on the corners——Johnson County Iowa Territory.

May 28th 1839[1] H. VAN ANTWERP
handed in. May. 28th. 1839 JESSE. WILLIAMS

May 1839. Isaac McCorkles Claim made and bounded as follows. beginning at the Iowa River at the south East Corner stake & name thence North 1 Mile corner on a white Oak thence west ½ Mile corners on white oak (Division) thence west——to corner on yellow Oak thence south to Pond. corner on watter Birch supposed to contain 480 acres. the same supposed to be Lying and beeing in Johnson County Iowa Territory. ISAAC MCCORKELL
handed in May 30th 1839

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[21]

The following is a description of a Claim I made on the 30 of May 1839 Lying in the County of Johnson. and Territory of Iowa the same beeing Bounded on the East by a Sells Claim North corner on a white Oak tree about three hundred yards north of Conleys Creek running west one fourth of a Mile to Iowa River from thence running down Iowa River one mile to a Hack berry Tree thence east one fourth to a white oak thence north crossing Colys Creek at the forks to the white Oak above named. the same contains a mill Site about 200 yars Below Forks. JAMES MILLER
handed in June 1st 1839——

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[1]This claim is marked "Forfeited" in the original. Forfeiture of claims was not uncommon.

Beginning at the North west corner of the claim sold by A Wolcott to Louis Ranzahn thence north One half mile thence East one mile thence south One mile & a half thence west to the place of beginning LOUIS. RANZAHN
June 1st 1839

Mr McCrory I wish to have the following described claim Recorded Viz the N E qr of section one Town 79 Range 6 west. bounded on the north by P Smiths claim on the East by Mr Matthews on the south unknown On the west by Wilcox claim SAMUEL. BUMGARDNER
handed in June 3rd 1839.

The following is a description of a Claim I made on or about the the 17 of May 1839. situated Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa situated N W. of F & Myers mill about three miles commencing at a white oak tree on the N W Corner then running south about half a mile to a Elm Tree then East about half a mile to a white Oak tree then North half a mile to a white Oak tree then west to the place of beginning the above claim has my name on Each corner—containing more than a quarter section
handed in June 6. DAVID. COX

[22]

The Following is a description of my claim that I wish recorded it beeing and about two miles and a half North of Myers and Felkners mill [1] commencing at the south East corner on a dry oak stub running north one half mile to a white oak thence west one half mile to a white Oak thence south one half mile to a white Oak thence East to the place of beginning made

[1] First saw mill in Johnson County.

June the 5th. 1837. and joining Adams and Browns on the East——————
handed in June 6th 1839. THOMAS. HOLDREN

The following is the description of my claim that I. wish recorded Lying and beeing about three miles and a half of Felkners and Myers mill North west. Situated as follows. commencing at the south East Corner made on a Bur Oak Tree Then running North one hundred and sixty Rods to a white Oak Tree. then west one mile to a white Oak Tree. corner with Smiks claim then——running south to silver Creek. then running with the Creek to the beginning. Made on the 5. of. June.
handed in June 6th 1839. STEPHEN. BROWN

In Obediance to the custom of the County we have Taken the following pieces of Ground (towit) the North half of section 24. Town 79. N R. 6. of the 5 P M. also the North half of the N E. ¼. Sect. 12. same Town and range aforsaid also the S. E. ¼ Sect. 1. & Town range aforsaid the above N. ½. of the N E ¼ Sect. & the South E. ¼ Sect. 1. as above described are taken subject. to the decission of the board of Managers in deciding the justice of claims who have taken them under similar. circumstances subject to the claim of Mr Wilcox Illinois
Monday May 7. 1839 J &. I. Bowen
handed in first May 7

The of forfeiture[1] to the right of the above described Land having come we therefore procede to make & Claim the same this 8 day of June 1839.
Lifted and handed in June 8. J. &. I. BOWEN

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[1] Mr. Wilcox not having complied with the regulations of the Association forfeited his claims.

[23]

Sir you will please to record the following described Claim viz the East half of the N. W. qr of section one Town 79 N Range 6. also the East half of the South west quarter. of Section 36. Town 80. Range six west now subject to the claim of Nathaniel G. Wilcox——
handed in June 3rd 1839. SAML BUMGARDNER.

The time having expired that Mr Wilcox had to have his claim recorded I wish it now recorded to me
Lifted & handed in June the 8.——SAMUEL. BUMGARDNER

The Following is a description of a Claim I made this day which I wish recorded situated in Johnson County N. E. of William Jones about 2½ Miles commencing at the N. W. Corner at a Hickry Tree Then running south to Luk Douglasses N Line to a Stake then East to a small Bur Oak Tree then North to a Bur Oak Tree then West to the beginning containing Three quarter sections marked & Blazed with the Iniceals of my name on the corners.
June 8th 1839 ELIJAH HURLEY
handed in June 8th 1839——

The following is description of my claim which I made on the 3 day of June 1839 which I wish recorded to me the same Lying in the following manner first one quarter section Lying N E of William Jones Claim & cornering on the S. E. with C Goves Claim and running East half mile to a stake in the Prairie then north half a mile to a Stake then west ½ mile to a Bur Oak Tree then south ½ mile to the place of beginning Also 80 acres. cornering at William Jones Corner & running East ¼ mile then North half a mile to a Stake then west ¼ mile to a Black Oak Tree then south to the place of beginning. also one quarter section of Prairie Butting[1] on the

[1] Butting in this connection means joining.

School Section on the S. E. corner. Staked and Blazed of with my Name on all the corners
handed in June 8th 1839. JOHN MORRIS. JUNR.

[24]

you will please record the following described Claim which I have made in Johnson County Iowa Territory Viz the west half of the South west quarter of Section 19. Town 80. N R. 5 west. CYRUS. SANDERS

You will record The Following Claim to me the the same beeing the S. E. qr of sect 23 T. 79. N R 6. west of the 5 Principal meridian which I made claim to in march last.
handed in June 11th 1839— PATRICK SMITH

The following is a description of a Claim I made on the 8 day of June which I wish recorded to me Commencing on the south East. at a white Oak Tree cornering with E M Adams. then running west near half a Mile to a white Oak Tree. then N ½ M to a white Oak Tree Then E ½ m to a white Oak Tree then south ½ m. to a white Oak Tree. to the place of beginning. containg about one hundred & sixty acres situated N. W. of F & Myers Mill about 3 Miles and the Iniceals of my Name on Each Corner DAVID. COX
handed in June 11th 1839——

The following is a description of our Claims made by James Haden & Co commencing near the Iowa River at the N. W Corner. of Mr Sturges Claim beeing the south west corner of said Claim and Gowing down East one mile thence North one mile and from thence proceding one mile west then turning south about a quarter then west a quarter & from then south to the River the River beeing the line to the place of

beginning supposed to contain one Section 2 Claim Bounded South by Charles & Hastings west by Charles Jones. North by Hill & Gove East by Morris & William Jones supposed to contain a half section the initials of our Names are placed on Trees or stakes at Each Corner. of the above Claims
handed. in June 12th 1839—— JAMES HADEN[1]
MORGAN HADEN[1]
GEORGE HADEN[1]

[25]

The Following is a description of a claim which I made & wish to have recorded to me which is the North half of the N. W. qr of sect. Twenty five Town Eighty North Range six west. of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey of Douglass. JOHN MATHEWS
handed in June 12th.

The following is a description of a claim I made on or about the third day of April 1839. it beeing N E. qr Sect 20. Town 79 N R five west. 5 P M. which claim I. have staked off. and placed the innitials of my name on each corner. and wish recorded to me Napoleon May 7th 1839——
handed in June 12 1839—— J G MORROW

The following is a description of my claim made to day which I wish recorded. bounded as follows. commencing on the Iowa River and bounded on the south by William Willson claim and on the East by H G Reddout. supposed. to be one quarter section be the same more or less. given under my hand this 18 day of June 1839 SAML BUMGARDNER——
handed in June 18. 1839——

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[1] A name is not always spelled the same throughout the records. This name should be spelled with an *i*—Haiden.

I wish you to record the following described Claim the the S. E. qr of sect 27. Town 80 Range 6 west it beeing situated North of Rapid Creek & bounded & bounded on the south by John A Street claim which he obtained of me commencing at the S. E. Corner Near the House on Said Streets Claim thence N ½ mile thence west half mile thence south half a mile thence east to the place of beginning.
handed in June 18th. 1839. HENRY. G. REDDOUT

May 18th 1839. Johnson County Iowa Territory A description of my claim to be recorded made by me this day Joining Bumgardners Claim above the mouth of Rapid Creek commencing on the River at the North west corner. and running east on his line one half mile thence North three fourths of a mile thence west to the River then with the River to the place of beginning. THOMAS HALL
handed in June 19th 1839.

[26]

The following is the description of my claim made this day which I wish recorded to me the same beeing the N E qr of sect 26. To [1] 80 N R. 6 west and the N E qr of sect 23. T. 80 N R 6. west the above claim is blazed off and the innitials of my name on each Corner——— June 20th 1839——
handed in June 20.— DAVID. ODELL

The Following is a description of a Claim I made this day which I wish Recorded to me the same beeing the S E qr of sect. 23. Town 80 N R 6 west situated N W of F & Myers Mill the above claim is blazed of and the innitials of my Name on Each Corner.——June 20th 1839——
handed in June 20th PHILIP. CLARK

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[1] Township.

This is a description of our claim that we wish recorded it beeing and Lying one mile north of F & Myers Mill it beeing a Claim known by Cullers and Friersons claim the claim contains ¾ of a section commencing at the south East Corner on a white Oak running one mile North. to another white Oak. thence west one mile to an other white Oak. then south half mile then East ½ mile then south Half mile then East half a mile to the place of beginning June 8th 1839.

S. B. MULHOLLAND

handed in June 22nd 1839 T. P. MULHOLLAND

The following is a description of a claim I made about the 20 of June 1839. which I wish recorded to me beeing the south East qr of sect 19. Town 79 N R 5. W. 5 P. M. according to a survey of claims made by Douglass——it beeing staked out

THOMAS. HOLDREN

John Shoups Claim is in Township seventy nine N R 5 west supposed to be N. W. qr. of sect. 21. containing one qr sect. & bounded on the East by John Morris & on the North the school Sect. & William Jones including a haw bush & Elm thicket where my house now stands this claim was made June 20th. 1839. & has my name & date on each corner—

handed in July 1st 1839 JOHN. SHOUP

[27]

The Following is the description of my claim made this day which I wish recorded to me the same Lying & beeing in Johnson County. Iowa Territory the N. ½ N W. qr. of sect. 32. & the N ½ N E. qr. of section 31. Town 79. N. R. 5 W. of 5 P M. bounded by Snider East & South. North partly by Van Antworp & Williams west by Felkner—July 3rd 1839.

handed in July 3rd. 1839— ROBERT SMALL

This Claim taken June 25th 1839—
Know all men by these presants that I. John McCahun have taken the following claim to Viz. commencing at the south west Corner at a white Oak stub marked J. McCahun running E. to a white Oak Tree mark as McCahun then North to a Lin tree then running west on the other side of spring Creek to a Lin Marked J McCahun then running south to said Stover and Fowles. Line the end or termination supposed to contain 80 acres. the above described claim is from one to three miles below Pawashicks village [1] bounded by the Iowa River
handed in July 8th. JOHN MCCAHUN ·

This Claim was taken June 25 1839—
Know all men by these presants that I John McCahun have taken the Following claim to Viz commencing at A white Oak stake Marked. J McCahun beeing the East corner. and running west. to a certain white Oak Stake & Bounded by the Iowa River. & marked as above. then running North to a Bur Oak Tree. mark as above then continuing on to a Black Oak Tree J. McCahun which tree is known as a corner. of McCormucks and Thrifts thence running with there Line to a white Oak. tree marked J. McCahun. then running East. to a white Oak Tree marked J McCahun then Running south to the place of beginning containing 400 acres——
handed in July 8th 1839. JOHN. MCCAHUN

A Claim made by me March 11. 1839. the south west corner with P Crum N W corner Running half mile East joining Wolcott on the East running one mile north thence half a mile west thence to the place of commencement by my

[1] This was an Indian Village located about four miles below the present site of Iowa City on the Iowa River. It contained about one thousand Sac and Fox Indians. Powashick was the chief.

request you will please record this claim in John Royals name
JOHN ROYAL. JOHN ROYAL
handed in March 14——
but not registered until John Royal signed the constitution[1]

[28]

My Clear Creek Claim made July Eighth 1839.
is bounded on the East by James Douglass commencing at a Stake on his west line and on the North side of the Creek running west up the creek over a Bluff and then past three trees standing together then at a short distance past a Lone tree by a ravine to a stake at the East side of a marsh thence south across the creek to a small burr. oak thence East to 2 hickory. saplings. thence North across the creek to the place of beginning including one quarter section more or less. the corners has my name cut in the wood J SHOUP
handed in July 11th 1839.

July 9th 1839. Sir the following is the description of a claim which I wish Recorded beeing in Johnson County Iowa Territory situated on the East side of the Iowa River about one mile & a half above Turkey Creek beeing bounded south by John Green & Haden on the East by Haden on the North and west by the Iowa River supposed to contain one quarter section H G REDDOUT
handed in July 15th 1839.

The following is a description of our claim made by us on the 11 day of May 1839. which we wish recorded situated Lying & beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa. On the Iowa River commencing on the south west corner. at a Stake Near the bank of the River thence a Northerly direc-

[1] Note the fact that a claim would not be recorded until the claimant had signed the constitution.

tion about one & a fourth miles to a Black Oak then East one & a fourth miles to a Oak Tree then S. one & a fourth miles to a Bur Oak thence a westerly direction to the place of beginning supposed to contain one & a half sections of Land. the above claim has our names on the corners. supposed to be ten miles above the Seat of Government[1] on the E Side of the Iowa River there is a small branch running from the N E. corner to the S. E. Corner on the East Line or Near the East line handed in July 15th 1839. JOHN LEE
WM BAGLEY

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[29]

The following is a description or a claim I made this day situated on old mans Creek commencing At the N E Corner at a Stake thence W. ¾ of a mile then south ¾ mile then E. ¾ mile thence to the place of beginning adjoining the claim I purchased of J G Coleman July 1st 1839.
handed in July 17 1839. HENRY CUSTLER

This is a description of a claim I made on the 26 day of May 1839. situated Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson &. Territory of Iowa about 10 miles above the City of Iowa commencing on the S. W. Corner in the bend of the River about ¼ mile above Powashicks Village[2] on the East side of the Iowa River then running North 1 ½ miles to a Oak Tree then East ¾ of a mile to a small oak Tree then south 1½ miles to a scycamore thence west to the place of beginning the above claim is blazed out & my name placed on the corners. containing ¾ of a Section July 20th 1839—
handed in July 20th 1839 J. M. THRIFT.

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[1] Iowa City, the seat of government for the territory of Iowa.

[2] See note on page 58.

Please record the following Described piece of Land——
Commencing at Ely Myers North East Corner——running one hundred & sixty Rods East thence South One hundred & Sixty Rods thence west One hundred & Sixty Rods thence north to the Starting place MOSES ADAMS.
handed in July. 29th 1839

This is a description of a claim I made on the 26 day of May 1839 situated lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa. about 10 miles from the Seat of Government[1] for the Territory commencing on the N E. Corner of J M Thrifts claim thence running East 1 mile to a Black Oak thence South ¾ of a mile to Bank of the Iowa River thence up said River to corner of said Thrifts claim
August 19th 1839—— WILLIAM MCCORMICK[2]

[30]

This is a description of a claim that I wish recorded the same beeing the. N. W. quarter of Three Town 79 N R 6 west beeing and Lying one half mile North of the City of Iowa.
August 19th 1829. H G REDDOUT.
handed in August 20th 1839——

This claim made out the 21st of August 1839——By Morgan Haden & Company is thus situated commencing at the south East corner of a claim that was made by Elijah Hurley—— now belonging to Morgan Haden thence running East ¾ of a mile thence N half mile thence W ¾ mile and from thence to the place of beginning supposed to contain half Section——
handed in August 26th 1839—— JAMES HADEN
MORGAN HADEN.

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[1] Iowa City.

[2] First judge of probate in Johnson County.

Description of my Claim as Follows——

g at the N E corner at a Hickory Tree near the Iowa River. thence running south to a Oak Tree then running west to a Stake on the East Line of Oliva Currys Claim then running in a northerly direction to a Burch Tree on the Bank of Clear Creek thence with the meanders of said Streem East to the mouth. then by the meanders of the Iowa River to the place of beginning containing ½ Sect August 27th 1839—— I. N. SANDERS[1]

handed in August 27th——

The following is the description of a claim which we made on or about the 10 day of August 1839 the same beeing and Lying in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa Viz. the Entire Twenty Eighth & Twenty Ninth sections in Township seventy nine North Range Five west of the fifth principal meridian likewise the south half of the S. E qr of section Twenty & the south half of the S. W. qr of section Twenty One Township & Range aforsaid which claim we have had surveyed & staked out and the innitials of our names marked on the corners & we wish the same recorded to us. given under our hands this sixth day of september 1839———

ASAPH ALLEN [2]

handed in September 6th 1839. C L ALLEN

G T ANDREWS

[31]

claim made by E. K Morse on the 24 day of September 1839 in Johnson Co. Iowa Territory commencing at the N. E. corner of a claim made by Alexander McBaker thence running E. one half of a mile to a white Oak tree on the E. Bank of slue [3] thence down said slue[3] to rapid Creek and corner with a claim

[1] At one time president of the Claim Association,

[2] Mr Allen opened the first tavern in Iowa City.

[3] Slough.

made by G Shreck supposed to be one mile thence West one half a mile to Alexander McBakers S. E. corner thence North by Bakers Line to the place of beginning
Handed in Sept 26th. 1839. E. K. MORSE

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sir you will please to record the following described claim the North west quarter of section thirty one (31) Township Eighty North (80) Range Six (6) west.
Handed in September 26th 1839 FRANCIS KARR

The following claim I wish recorded to me the same beeing the North half of section seventeen Town 79 N. R 6 west. made about the first of October 1839
October 18th 1839.
handed in Octo 18th SAMUEL LOVEJOY

The Following part of a claim I wish recorded to me made July 1839. the same beeing the south half of the south East quarter of section seventeen Town seventy nine N. R. five west of the 5 principal meridian

October 26th 1839. WILLIAM × JONES (his mark)

handed in Octo 26.—

The following is a description of a claim which I. wish recorded made October 28. 1839. designated as Follows the south East quarter of section Eight Town 79. N R 6 west

handed in October 29. 1839. E D STEPHEN

[32]

The following I wish recorded to me the same beeing and Lying in the county of Johnson and Territory of Iowa situated between Cyrus Sanders & Thomas Holdrens the same beeing a strip about Eighty Rods wide and 160 Long situated north of Felkners Mill also the N. W. qr of sect 33 Town 79. N. R. 5 west of the fifth principal meridian
October 29th 1839.
handed in Octo 29th 1839 J. B. ADAMS

This is a description of a Claim made by me and Charles Berryhill commencing at the head of a certain Slew[1] it beeing the N. E. corner thence running west along the South line of Town 78 ¾ of a mile then South down the meanders of the Slew. to a certain Tree thence East following the meanders of the Iowa River one mile thence thence North to the place of beginning ISAIAH. P. HAMILTON[2]
handed in Octo 30th 1839——

The following is a description of of a claim I made this day situated Lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the S. W. qr of sect one Town 78. N R. 6 west of the 5 principal meridian October 29th 1839——— HENRY. G REDDOUT.

The following claim we wish recorded to us. lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the south half of Section 33. & the N E qr of Sect 33. & the W half of Sect 34 Town 79. N R 5 west of the 5 principal

[1] Slough.

[2] First recorder of Johnson County.

meridian the above claim we have placed our Names on the corners November 1st 1839 JESSE. BERRY[1]
handed in JAMES WAMSLEY
November 1st 1839.

[33]

The following is the description of a claim which we have made lying about three and a half miles North or nearly North of Iowa City in Johnson County on the south side of the Iowa River commencing with a Tree marked with our names together with the day of the month (Oct 29th. 1839) running west one half mile thence south one mile thence East one half thence North one mile the trees are blazed round it and our names are on the corners. there beeing no previous claims upon said tract of land
Iowa City Octo 29th. 1839. C. S. FOSTER
handed in November 2nd 1839. A. ABEL

The following is a description of my claim beeing in the County of Johnson Laying on the Iowa River near three miles above Iowa City and Laying North of Mr Halls Claim south of Mr Sturges East of the Iowa River containing one quarter Section said claim was made about the first of October 1839.
handed in November. 9th. 1839. A. RUSSELL

I wish to have Recorded the East half of Section Ten & the N W qr of Sect 10 T 79 N. R 5 west in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa this 11 day of January 1839.
THEADORE JENNINGS

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[1] First school teacher in Iowa City.

I Walter Clark do this day certify that I have marked out & placed stakes Round the south half of section seventeen & claimed said half section the 16 of November 1839.
N B having Bought the said half section of Thomas. Morrison handed in November 17th. 1839. W. CLARK

[34]

Johnson County Iowa Territory
July A D 1839——
The following is the description claim made by me in the County and Territory above named to wit the East half of the south west quarter of section nine Town 79 N R 5 W. also the west half of the North west quarter of sect Town & Range aforsaid JOHN. PARROTT.
handed in
November 19th 1839.

I wish to have Recorded the south west quarter of section Ten North west quarter of sect 15. south east quarter Section Nine in Township 79. N R. 5 west in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa DANIEL. DUVAL
November 11th 1839——
handed in Nov 20th 1839

The following is a description of a claim I have made it beeing situated on the west side of the Iowa River supposed to be three & a half miles above Iowa City commencing at the N. E. Corner at a small white Oak Tree standing on the Bank of the River thence running one half mile west thence south one & one half mile thence East one half mile thence North to the place of beginning one & a half miles consisting about seventy five Acres of Prairie & the Remainder in tim-

ber I have placed my name on the corners and on it there are no previous claims JOHN D ABEL
Iowa City Octo 30th. 1839—
handed in November 21st 1839—

The following is a description of my claim which I. made December 2. 1839. which said Claim was claimed by Williams & Van Antwerp said Claim or claims having being forfeited I wish you to record the same to me described as follows. N E qr of Sect 36 & the S. E. quarter of section 25. Town 79 N R 6 west of the fifth principal meridian——
handed in E. D. STEPHEN
December 3rd 1839.

[35]

The following is a description of my claim which I made December 2nd 1839 the said claim beeing forfeited by Williams & Van Antwerp I wish you to record the same to me as described below South East quarter of Section 30. Township 79. N R 5 west of 5 principal meridian Decem 2nd 1839—— ELIHU DUEL——
handed in December 3rd 1839

The following is a description of my claim which I made Dec 2nd 1839 said Claim or claims was made by Williams and Van Antworp said claim or claims being forfeited I wish you to record the same to me described as follows. the S W. qr of Sect 30 T. 79 North Range 5 five west of the 5 principal meridian December 2nd 1839.
handed in December 4th 1839—— J. B. ADAMS——

J Ponyues Claim December. 4th 1839——
commencement at a B Oak tree on the west Bank of the River thence west one mile corner on a Bur Oak Oak thence North ¾. of a mile corner on a black Oak Thence E One mile corner a white Oak. thence south to the place of Beginning supposed to be ¾ of a Section supposed to be two miles & a Half above Iowa City JACKSON PONYUE
handed in December 4th 1839

The following is a description of a claim which I wish to have recorded Viz. the S W. qr of Sect 24. Town 80 N Range 6 west and is bounded. on the East by Mulholland claim on the south Mathews Claim on the west Mr Hastings Claim made by me on or about the first of December 1839——
handed in December 14. 1839 J B Adams——

The following claim I wish to have recorded to me the same beeing the west half of the N W qr of sect. 22. & the west Half of the S. W qr of Sect. 15 Town 79 N R 6 west of the 5 principal meridian the above claim having been recorded before but a change having been made in the lines with A D Stephen made in Sep 1837—— JOHN MILLER
handed in Decem 17th 1839——

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[36]

The following described Claim I have purchased of Mr Chancy Ward and wish the same recorded as a claim to me situated Lying & beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa and Bounded as follows Viz commencing at the N W Corner of Sect 16. Town 78 N R 6 west and running due South 187. Rods to a Bur Oak Tree Blazed on the S & W. & N sides & marked with the letters. F. C. also one line

commencing at the first described corner & running due west ¾ of a mile to two Bur Oaks one Blazed on the East side & the other on the North side from said trees the line runs due south 30. Rods to a Stake from thence to the first described tree containing one hundred & sixty Two acres——also the following quarter which I made claim to on the 21st of this month the same beeing the S. E. qr of sect 31. T 80. N R 6 west. THOMAS LACUP
handed in Decem 27th 1839——

In addition to holding the Larger part of the following 80 acre lot of land by the old claim lines I purchased by. I record the same as a claim made by me June 9th 1839— theme 80 acre lot beeing the south Half of the N W qr of sect 12. T 79 N R 6 west also the North W qr of sect. 30. T. & Range aforsaid claim laid to the quarter this day. S H McCRORY.
January 1st 1840.

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commencing at the N E. corner of the school section and running and Extending 80 Rods west thence south then south one mile then East to the southwest corner—of said school Section then North to the place of beginning
A. WOLCOTT

Austen Cole & S B Gardner. wishes entered of Record the following described claim to wit all that part of the South half of section four Town 79 N R 6. west which Lyes East of the Iowa River Johnson County Iowa Territory supposed to contain 12 or 15 acres January 6th 1839
STEPHEN B GARDNER
handed in January 10th 1840 AUSTEN COLE

The following described claim beeing forfeited I the undersigned have this day made the following claim which I wish recorded by the Clerk of the claim association of Johnson County Iowa Territory to wit the S W qr of Sect 11 T 79 N R 6 west in said County & Territory. bounded on the North by Irish & Judson on the South by Adams on the west by part of the Town Plat of Iowa City[1] & on the East by Sturgis Claim as. supposed January 11th 1840
handed in Jany 12th 1840 ALLEN STROUD

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[37]

The following claim having become forfeited We Austen Cole and Stepen B Gardner have this day made the following claim Viz the N. E. qr of Sect 20 in Township Seventy nine Range 5 west of the fifth meridian in the county of Johnson &. Territory of Iowa containing one hundred & sixty acres
January 12th 1840 STEPHEN B GARDNER
handed in January 12th 1840 ATSTEN. COLE

The following is a description of a claim or part of a claim I. made on the 10 of July 1839. commencing at an Oak Tree on the west line of N Hastings claim that he made & had recorded thence North half a mile to an Oak Tree thence west half a mile Crossing the south Branch of Turkey Creek to an oak Tree thence south half a mile crossing said Creek to an Oak Tree thence East to the place of beginning supposed to contain one hundred & sixty acres——
handed in Jany 13th 1840 S. C. TROWBRIDGE

The following claim I wish recorded to me the same beeing the. N. E. qr of Sect. 30. Town 79 N R. 6 west of the fifth principal meridian January 17th 1840.
handed in January 17th 1840. C. S. FOSTER

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[1] Section 10.

E ½ S. E. ¼ S 21 T. 79. Range 5 West. W. ½ S. W. ¼ S 22. Town 79. Range 5. W. N E qr. S 9 T 79. N R 5 & The E ½. N. W. qr Sect 9. Town 79 N R 5 West the above claim I wish recorded January 20th 1840
handed in January 20th 1840 BENJAMIN. HORNER—

The following is a description of a claim I have made which I wish recorded commencing at the S E Corner on a marked Red oak thence with the meanders of the River North about 1 mile to a white Oak then west about half a mile to a White Oak then south about ½ mile to 3 white Oaks then East to the place of beginning the above claim lyes in Johnson County Iowa Territory about. 5 or 6 miles miles North of Iowa City made about the 13th of January 1840 JAMES. ROCK
handed in January 20th 1840

[38]

The following is a description of a claim I wish recorded situated lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa bounded as follows commencing at the S E corner at a Stake thence N ¾ of a mile to a Stake then W 1 M to a Stake then S. ¾ M to a Stake then East to the place of beginning the above claim is bounded on the East by Housten claim on the W by E Douglass on the south by Harter & Sprage the above claim I made in June 1839
handed in January 20th 1840. H. A. ASHER

The following claim I wish to have registered the same lying & beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the N ½ of S- 13. T 79 N R 7 west & the N half of the S. E. qr of Sect 12 Town & Range aforsaid & that part of the North half of section 9. that is not embraced in the claim I purchased of Baxter supposed to contain 80

acres in town 79 N R 6 west which claim I have staked off according to the requirements of the claim association
January 22nd 1840 ROBERT HUTCHINSON
handed in January 22nd 1840——

The following claim I wish recorded to me situated Lying & beeing in Johnson County Iowa Territory on old mans Creek commencing at the N. E. Corner on the bank of the Creek at 2 White Oaks. then with the Creek west about ½ a mile to a Red Oak Tree Near the Bank of the Creek then south one mile or there about to a Large white oak tree then East ½ mile to a Oak Tree then North one mile to the place of beginning the above claim contains about half a section made in July last
January 25th 1840 A. T. MCLEWAIN
handed in January 25th 1840

My claim made this 18. day of January 1840
Bounded on the South. by Reddout. beginning at the N E. corner of Reddout claim & running N. across the. N. Branch of Rapid Creek half a mile then west half a mile then S. ½ M. then E. to Reddouts N. E. corner each corner has my name written on them supposed to be the N. E. Quarter of sect. 27 T 80. R 6. JOHN SHOUP
The above claim since it has been surveyed falls on the S. W qr of section 23. Town 80 N R 6 W[1]
handed in January 26th 1840

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[1] Mr. Shoup supposed that his land was in section twenty-seven; but after the government surveys had been made, it was found that the land claimed and described by him was in section twenty-three. After the public surveys had been made it was customary for the claim-holders to make a re-adjustment of their claims. Disputes arising from necessary changes were arbitrated and settled by the claim court.—See Constitution and Laws Art. I. section 9.

the following claim we wish recorded it beeing a claim we sold to William H. Downey in May last that I was to Hold for him and not having made improovement sufficient to hold it for him we record it as a claim of ours the same beeing the N. W. qr. of sect 5. T. 79. N R 5 west & the E ½ of the. S. E. qr. of sect 31. T 80 N R 5 W. of the 5 principal meridian

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GREEN HILL & S. HILL

[39]

This is a correct statement of a claim I made on Monday the ninth day of December 1839. commencing with a Cotten Wood at the N. E. Corner. running west with the River then South with the River to a Bur Oak thence running west to a linn Wood tree & then to the cotten wood tree where commenced containing abought half a Section the distance of this claim from Iowa city lies 3 ½ miles north west of said Town

witness ANDREW NOBLE THOMAS. GREEN
handed in Febuary 3rd 1840

Record the west half of Section 20. Town 79. N Range 6 W. also the N W qr of Sect 19. Town & range as the other
Made april 10th 1839. ABRAHAM MILLER
handed in Febuary 10th 1840.

The following claim I wish recorded to me the same lying & beeing in Johnson County Iowa Territory the same supposed to be the W ½ of the S. W. quarter of Section 26. & the East half. of the N E. quarter of Section 27. Town 80 N. Range 6. west of the fifth principal meridian.
Febuary 10th 1840 JOHN A STREET
handed in Febuary 10th 1840

This claim finally marked & Staked on the 4th Feby 1840 lying about one mile South of Switzers mill & about the same distance from Clear Creek beginning at a Stake marked. W. W. Stuck in the prairie at the N. W. corner of said Claim then running east half a mile to a Oak tree marked as aforsaid then south one mile to a Stake marked as the first then west ½ mile to a small Oak Bush marked W. W. then to the beginning Stake (North one mile) containing one half section more or less WILLIAM WAIN
handed in Febuary the 1840

The following is the description of a claim that we made on the 28 day of January last in Johnson County on old mans Creek about Two & a half miles above Hardsocks commencing at the N W corner at a Stake in the Prairie then South about one mile to a white Oak Tree then E. about one mile to a Bur Oak Tree then North to a Stake in the Prairie then west to the place of beginning with our names on the corners. containing about one section. DAVID COX
handed in Febuary 10th 1840 JOHN. D. WOLF.

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I wish you to record the following described Claim to me made Febuary. 16th 1840 Viz the N. E. quarter of sect 26 Town 80 N R 6 west. J. V. FELKNER
handed in Febuary 24th 1840

This is a Statement of a claim I made on the 1st day of January 1840 it lies west of Iowa City about 3 miles on section Thirteen in the unsurveyed Township the South half of said section begins at half mile stake of sect. 18. runs one mile west to a red Oak Stake half a mile South to a red Oak

Stake one mile East to the South west corner of sect 18. half a mile North to the place of beginning
handed in Febuary 25th 1840—— SARAH. ANN. ABEL[1]

This is a correct statement of a claim which I made on the fifteenth day of November 1839 it lies about four miles up the Iowa River a North east direction of Iowa City on the west side of said River Commencing at Linn tree the N. E. Corner then west to a Bur Oak then South to a Red Oak then East to a white Oak joining with John Abels Claim on the river thence to the place of beginning running with the River supposed the same to contain a half section
handed in Febuary 24th 1840 ALEXANDER ABEL

The Following claim I wish recorded to me the E ½ of the S. W. qr. Sect. 26. and the N W qr. of sect 26. Town 80 N R 6 west of the 5 principal meridian made the 21st of Febuary 1840
handed in Febuary 24th 1840 EDWARD his × mark BERK

Allen Stroud and Stephen. B. Gardner have this day made made the following claim Viz commencing at a Black Oak at William Alts S. E. corner thence running in a N W direction about 400 yards to a Black Oak on said Alts line thence in a Eastward direction about 400 yards to a Black Oak thence south about ¾ of a mile to a white Oak then west ¼ mile to a Black Oak thence North to the place of beginning supposed to contain about 300 acres of Land Broken Prairie & small Groves of Timber in parts a small run of water passing through the same on which there is about 100 acres of Botum

[1] Note the case of a woman making a claim. In the rights of property the Claim Association did not discriminate against women.

Prairie this claim is situated in Johnson County Iowa Territory about one & a half miles west of the Iowa River & 4 miles N. W. from Iowa City

Febuary 18th 1840 ALLEN STROUD
handed in } S. B. GARDNER
Febuary 26th 1840 }

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Record the following claim made by me the undersigned Towit. Beginning at a Bunch of Maples at the mouth of a small run on the west bank of the Iowa River thence South East up said river about 500 yards to a large Sugar tree near the foot of the Bluff. thence East with said Bluff to a white Oak on the west Bank of said River thence up said river with the meanders then of to the place of beginning supposed to contain about 200 acres the above claim is situated in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa and lying in the Bottom about 1 ½ miles N. E. of Mr Gailers Claim & about 8 miles N. W. from Iowa City it is all heavily timbered with Oak Ash Sugar tree Walnuts Lynn &c. Febuary 18th 1840

handed in Febuary 26th 1840 STEPHEN. B. GARDNER

This is a description of my claim that I wish recorded it beeing situated as follows. beeing & Lying About three miles N of Felkners mill commencing at the N. E. Corner on a Bur Oak then S. ½ M. to a white Oak then ½ M west to a Red Oak then N ½ M to a Black Oak then East to the place of beginning it is bounded on the west by Browns Claim made Febuary 17th 1840

handed in Febuary 26th 1840 THOMAS. P. MULHOLLAND

Walter Clark has this day made the following Claim Towit all of that party of the N W qr of Sect 15 in Township 79

N R 6 west which Lyes west of the Iowa River in Johnson County
Febuary 26th 1840 WALTER. CLARK
handed in Febuary 28th 1840

The following is the description of a Claim I have made which I wish recorded. Viz the west half of Sect 28 T 79. N. N 6 W. Johnson County. Iowa Territory.
Febuary 22nd. 1840. JAMES. ROCK
handed in Febuary 27th 1840

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The following is a claim made by S J Frost Febuary 28. 1840 Lying in the Township seventy nine N Range 7. west. the west half of sect. 12. & the. N. E. qr of Sect 24. please Record the same to me Johnson County Iowa Territory
Iowa City March 1st 1840 } S. J. FROST
handed in March 2nd 1840 }

The following Claim I wish recorded to me Lying between old mans Creek & English River about 2 miles west of Mr McCleurs commencing at the South. E. Corner. at a Elm Stake with the Letters F. H There on & running N. 1. M to a Bass wood Stake then west ¾ of a mile to a willow Tree Near a Brook then south. 1. M. to a Oak Stake then East to the place of Beginning supposed to contain ¾ of a Section the above claim was made the latter part of Febuary 1840.
handed in March 5th 1840 FREDERICK HARTER.

The following claim I wish recorded lying on Cleer Creek about 7 miles above Switzers mill commencing at the N. E. corner on a Stake in the Prairie then west ¾. M. to a stake in the Prairie then ¾. of a mile to a Stake in the Edge of the

Timber then East ¾. of a mile to a Stake in the Prairie then N. to the place of Beginning Bounded on the N by James Douglass.[1] & Hall made April last. March 10 1840 the above claim has my name on the corner———
handed in March 10th. 1840 THOMAS. B. BROWN

Claim made by me June 1838
Beginning on the west bank of the Iowa River about 5 miles above Cleer Creek beginning at a Tree thence meandering the River up to the mouth of a Small Creek thence running a Southerly direction across the Hill to the first mentioned bound. said Claim is timber with Sugar tree oak lin & various kinds of Timber Febuary 26th 1840 said Claim is supposed to contain three lots
handed in March 14th 1840 NATHANIEL FELLOWS.

The following described claim I wish to have recorded to me the same beeing a claim I purchased of Stephen Chase on the 22 day of November 1839. Known as the Old Trading House Claim Bounded on the North by. J. H. Stover claim on the west & South by the Iowa River on the East by John Willison containing about half section.
March 16th 1840 WM. W. PORTER
handed in March 16th 1840

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The following claim I wish recorded to me the same beeing the South half of the S. W. qr. of Sect 27. T. 80. N R 6. west of the fifth principal meridian the Above claim made March 1st 1840 JOHN KIGHT
handed in March 23rd 1840

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[1] Mr. James Douglass is one of a number of men who held claims that are not recorded in these records.

The Above claim having become forfeited I hereby wish the same registered to me the same beeing the N. E. qr of Sect 23 Town 80 N R 6 west of the fifth principal meridian Lying in the County of Johnson. I. T. the above claim having been marked out according to the requirements of the claim association. March 21st 1840 NATHAN. ODELL
handed in March 23. 1840.

This is to Certify that I have made claim this 1st day of May 1840. on the following described land to wit commencing at E. K. Morses North East corner thence running East 160. rods. to a mound thence south 320 to a mound thence west 160. rods. to E. K. Morses South East Corner. thence North to the place of Beginning LEWIS. B. COSTLEY
handed in May 1st 1840

The following claim having become forfeited I do this first day of May 1840. Lay claim to the following described tract or parcel of land. to wit. the undivided half of the claim known as the A. Baker. claim Bounded on the N by E Browns. Claim & Henyons on the South by C Sanders. on the west by Blazed Lines and on the east by a claim that E. K. Morse made the claim is 320 purches North & south lying on Bouth sides of the Dubuke Road.[1] E. K. MORSE
handed in May 1st 1840

The following claim having become forfeited Is this day made by the undersigned. Towit — the west half of the North West. quarter of Section No Three in Township No seventy

[1] A "military road" laid out between Iowa City and Dubuque.—See Shambaugh's *Iowa City*, p. 42.

Nine Range six west containing Eighty acres Lying in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa
handed in April 2nd 1840. AUSTIN COLE

[44]

The following a description of a claim which we made on the fourth instant and which we wish recorded to us to Viz said Claim is situated in the county of Johnson and Territory of Iowa about one and a half miles south from Clear Creek & about the same distance from Switzers mill commencing at a Large cherry Stake on the side hill at the N. E. corner Marked W and D. thence west by a line of Stakes and blazes. one mile to another large Stake marked W. &. D. thence south by a line of Stakes and blazes one mile to another Stake Thence East by a line of Stakes to another Stake marked W. &. D. thence North one mile to the place of beginning with several small Groves of Timber[1] on it and a small branch extending trough it and supposed to contain six hundred & forty acres—— JOE WOODWORTH.
Iowa City April 6th 1840
handed in April 6th 1840 PETER A DOUGLASS——

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you will record the Northwest quarter of Section Twelve the South half of the South west qr of Section one Township 79 N R 5 west. of the 5 principal Meridian
handed in April 6th 1840 JOSEPH G GILMORE

The following claim I wish recorded to me the same beeing The same beeing the west half of section 35 Town 79 N R

[1] It was customary to state whether there was any timber on the claim; the kind of timber is also frequently given.

6 west of the fifth principal meridian the above claim was made in the spring of 1839 Johnson County Iowa Territory——
handed in April 18th. 1840 JOHN. TROUT

Record the following described claim Beginning at the South west corner of the East half of the S. W. quarter of Section 19. Town 80 Range 6 west thence North ½ mile thence east ½ mile thence South 40 Rods to Shrecks North Boundry. thence west 100 Rods to Shrecks North west corner thence South a long Shrecks west Boundry. ½ mile thence west to the place of beginning containing 80 Acres—
April 12th 1840 J. V. FELKNER——
handed in May 4th 1840

The following is a description of my claim which I made to day which I wish to have recorded Bounded as follows Viz— commencing at the S. E. corner at a white Oak Tree thence North one mile to a white Oak Tree thence west one half mile to a Cherry Tree thence South one mile to a Swamp Elm Tree thence East one ½ mile to the place of beginning and beeing on the Iowa River & also on Turkey Creek about 5 miles above Iowa City May 11th 1840
handed in May 17th 1840

his
STEPHEN × BROWN
mark

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The Following claim I wish recorded to me the same Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa 4 miles above Iowa City commencing at the N. E. Corner on a Red Oak & running 1 mile west to a white Oak then ahout ½ mile South corners on a Red Oak then East one mile to a white Oak. then North to the place of beginning supposed to

contain 3.80 acre Lots. or 240 acres the above claim was made the 16 day of May 1840 Joinings Browns claim on the west.

May 1840 EDWIN his × mark BERCH

Handed in May 18th 1840

Record the following described claim the east half of the N. E. qr Sect. 31. the E. ½ S. E. Sect. 30. the W. ½ S W qr. Sect. 29. & W. ½ N W. qr sect 32 Town 80. R. 5 W. May 29th 1840 CHARLES GILLON

Handed in May 31st 1840

This claim made this 18 day of June 1840 by Caleb J Vreden Burgh Bounded as follows. commencing at E K Morses N E. corner at a stake thence running East one half mile by E Costleys N Line to a stake thence N. one half mile by a Blazed Line to a Bur Oak thence west ½ mile to a stake thence S ½ mile by C & B Henyons E Line to the place of beginning this claim supposed to be the N. E. qr of Sect 17— Town 80 N R 5 west

Also one quarter section commencing at L Costleys S. E. Corner at a stake thence running East one half mile to a stake thence North one half mile to a stake thence west ½ mile along the south Line of Sect 16. to a stake then south by a Blazed Line on the East side of L Costleys claim to the place of beginning supposed to be the N. W. qr of Sect 21 Town 80 N. Range 5 west

handed in June 19th 1840 C. J VREDENBURGH

The following claim I purchased of John Kight in Febuary 1839. & I wish it registered to me as a claim made as I have not got his deed with me the same beeing the S W qr of S

14. & that part of the S ½ of S 15. that Lyes East of the Iowa River—T 79 N. R. 6 W. July 3rd 1840
handed in July 3rd 1840 ROBERT LUCAS[1]

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Two hundred and forty acres of land here in described has been claimed by Wm Jayne and is no respectfully submited to the notice of the Johnson County Recorder of claims the land is situated in the County of Johnson. I. T. and about 5 miles N. E. from Iowa City commencing at a Stake (marked. W. Jayne) about 1 mile N. E. from Green Hills House & about ¼ of a mile N of a small Stream and thence due North 40 chains to a similar marked stake thence 60 chains East to an oak Sapling marked as above then south 40 chains to a stake marked as before and thence 60 chains west to the place of beginning WM JAYNE

Also certain Tract of Barrons & Prairie that Lyes between the Timber and Prairie I purchased of Cyrus Sanders supposed to contain three Eighty Acre Lots the above claim I have staked of
handed in July 8th 1840. WM JAYNE

The following claim we wish to have registered mad in Febuary last Lying. N. E. of Felkners mill about 1 ½ miles commencing at the N. E. Corner. at a white Oak then west about 1 mile to a white Oak Tree. then south ½ mile to a white Oak Tree then East 1 mile to a Black Oak. then North to the place of beginning supposed to contain about half section the above claim is blazed round and has our names on the Corners——
September 17th 1840. FRANCES KERR
handed in September 17—— CHARLES GILLON

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[1] Robert Lucas was the first Governor of the Territory of Iowa. It is said that Gov. Lucas paid $200 for this claim.

I wish to have the following claim recorded Viz the S E qr of Sect 26 Town 80. N. R. 6. west of the 5 principal meridian made September 20th 1840. JOHN TROUT.
handed in September 21st 1840

The following claim having become forfeited by the regulations of the claim association I hereby lay claim the. N. E qr. of sect 23 Town 80 N Range 6 west of the 5 principal meridian Johnson County I T. Oct 3rd 1840
handed in Oct 3rd 1840 EZRA BLISS

The following claim I wish recorded to me the same beeing the S. W. qr of the. N. E. qr. of Sect 27. Town 80. N R. 6 west of the 5 principal meridian Lying in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa October 14th 1840
handed in October 14th 1840. JOHN. A. STREET

The following claim we wish to have recorded situated in Johnson County Iowa Territory Lying. N. E. of Felkners. & Myers mill about 2 miles. or more. on the N Fork of Rapid Creek commencing at the S. W. corner at 3 small Bur Oaks Trees thence North 1 mile to a Hickry Tree then E. 1 M to a small Bur Oak Tree then South 1 M. to a small Black Oak Tree then west to the Beginning supposed to contain one section the above claim embraces. a small Grove of Timber the Prairie is of a Barroney[1] order and the creek runs directly through it and has our names marked on the corners made the 24 day of October 1840.

WM & ABRAHAM their mark × JONES

handed in April 3rd 1840

[1] See note on page 29.

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The following claim we wish recorded. situated on old mans. Creek about 7 miles from Iowa City commencing at the N. W. Corner at a Black Oak Tree then East ¾ M then south abont ¾ of a mile then W. ¾ M. then N to the place of beginning supposed to contain 3 quarter sect. the above claim is timber—also three quarter sections of Prairie Lying near the above timber claim and is staked

off & has our names. on the corners—
handed in Febuary. 4th 1840 & lifted
for correction &. handed in
again November 3rd 1840——— WM MURDOCK
C. C. MORGAN
A. ABLE

The following claim we wish registered the same lying on old mans Creek containing 3 quarter sections of Prairie which is staked of & has our names on the corners. the above claim joins 1 we had previously registered WM MURDOCK
C. C. MORGAN
handed in Novem 3rd 1840.—— A. ABEL

The following is a description of a claim made this day by me and which I wish to have recorded commencing on the N. E. side of the Iowa River about 100 rods. below the mouth of Turkey Creek. and adjoining a claim previously made by me and running about three fourths of a mile E to the S. E. corner of said claim thence south about 80 Rods thence west to the River thence to the place of beginning
Iowa City November. 13th 1840 WM. STURGIS

The following claim I wish recorded commencing at the South W. corner at a stake running N. 80. Rods then East ½ m. joining Trowbridges. then south 80 Rods joining clarks—then west along Shoups—North Line to the place of commencing handed in November 23rd 1840—— JAMES. HILL

My claim made December 25. 1840. beginning at a Linn on the sect Line near the S. W. corner of S. 23. Thence North ½ mile to a stake thence W. ¼ m to a white oak. thence S. to the S. bank of Sanders creek thence east ¼ mile with my name on Each Corner. beeing the E ½. of S. E qr Sect 22 Town 80 N Range 6 west 5 principal meridian
handed in January 20th 1841—— J SHOUP

Description of a claim made by John Kight & Chauncy R Ward the S. W. corner. commencing at a small gray ash tree on the E side of the Iowa River & running due East. one half mile to a large white Oak Tree thence one half mile North to a white Oak Tree thence west to a white walnut Tree immediately on the Bank of the Iowa River thence south to the place of beginning the above claim is bounded on the south by lands formerly claimed by one Hall on the East by John Shoup on the N by Lands formerly claimed by Sturges and on the west by the Iowa River
handed in Febuary 1st 1841.—
JOHN KIGHT. &. CHANCY R WARD

Johnson County Territory of Iowa.
The following is a claim made by me October 3rd 1839—and reblazed December 15. 1840. said claim lyes on the west side of the Iowa River—bounded South by Ables and Fosters and North by John. D. Ables Claim supposed to contain half section.
handed in Febuary 1st 1841 SAML. J. FROST

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A Claim made by E K Morse this the 25 day of Jan 1841 described as follows. commencing at the N. E. Corner of Cono-

logue claim at a Stake thence North ½ M thence E ½ M to a Stake thence S ½ M to a Stake then west to the place of beginning the claim embraces the field cultivated by J. Williams in 1841. the above claim was made by Dickinson and sold by Williams to Hyrus also Eighty Acres commencing at the. S. E. corner of the above described claim thence S. ½ M to a Stake thence E ¼ M to a Stake then N ½ M to a stake thence west ¼ M to the place of beginning
handed in Febury 13th 1841 E K MORSE

A Claim made 5th March 1841 by Renselear Welby. description as follows. commencing at the. N. E. corner of. E. K. Morses claim running E. 1 mile to a Stake thence S. ½ M to Stake thence west 1 mile to a Bur Oak Tree.
handed in March 5th 1841. R WELBY

R Wills Claim

Beginning at the S. E. corner of. C. C. Catlett thence south ½ mile mile to David Pratts S. W. corner thence west ¼ mile to Adams Line thence North ½ mile to C. C. Catletts. S. W. Corner thence East ¼ mile to the place of beginning containing 80 Acres. Land situated Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson I. T. on the waters of Turkey Creek said claim was made on the 1st day of March 1841——
handed in March 5th 1841—— R WILLIS

C. C. Catletts Claim

Beginning at a Stake in the Barrens. E. A. Browns. N. E. Corner thence S ½ mile to a white Oak. Tree thence W. ¼ mile to a Red Oak Tree thence North ½ mile to a white Oak Tree in the Edge of Barrens thence East ¼ M to the place of Beginning the same Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson Iowa Territory & on the waters of Turkey Creek & is bounded on the N by G. S. Hampton on the E by E A Brown on the South by Wilis & on the west by Adams said

claim contains Eighty acres and was made by me March 1st 1841 The E ½ S E qr S. 11. T 80 R 6
handed in March 5th 1841—— C. C. CATLETT

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The Following is a description of a claim if not recorded to Kight and me I wish you to record it to me made this 10 day of March 1841 that part of the N W qr of Sect 15[1] Lying west of the River Township 79 N Range 6 west
handed in March 11th 1841—— A D STEPHEN

The following claim having become forfeited by the regulations of the claim association we wish the same recorded to us as follows commencing at the white Oak Tree at the N. W. corner then S 1 mile to a white Oak Tree on the reserve Line then East ¼ mile to a white Oak Tree then N. ½ M to a white Oak Tree then E ¼ to a stake then N ½ M then W. to the place of beginning bounded by the reserve on the S. on the East by Hill on the North by Street west by Kight Ward & Co. the above claim contains 240 acres made this the 22 day of April 1841. MARTIN. M. MONTGOMERY
handed in April 22nd 1841 JOHN NORLEY
The N E ¼ & W ½ S E ¼ of S 34 T. 80 N R 6 W.[2]

Description of James Wells Claim lying on the Iowa River in the Galer Settlement commencing at the N. E. Corner at a Red Oak thence 550. yards up the River on the Bank. to a white Oak thence South 550 yards to a Small white Oak tree thence East 550 yds to a Tree thence to the place of beginning the corners are all marked with my name April 29th 1841 JAMES. WELLS
handed in April 30th 1841 ——

[1] The quarter section upon which the seat of justice of Johnson County is located.

[2] This line was undoubtedly inserted after the public surveys had been made.

May 10th 1841. Description of Thomes E Torrences Claim
The following claim was made by Thomes E Torrence this 10 day of May 1841. commencing at a Stake in the S E Corner of E K Morse claim and running south according to the true meridian 320 rods to a small Bur Oak which is blazed & my name written upon. the said line is supposed to be on line & the first ½ mile is bounded by on the east by L. B. Costleys claim thence west 160 rods to a white Oak two Feet in diameter thence north 320 Rods to a stake thence east 160 rods to the place of beginning the above claim comprizes the S. W. qr of sect 20. & the N W qr of sect. 29. T. 80 N. Range. 5. W. 5 principal meridian
handed in May 12th 1841 —— THOMES E TORRENCE

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May 10th 1841
The description of L. B. Costleys claim
The claim which I am about to describe is the South W qr of Sect 17. Commencing at the east corner and running west 160 rods and bounded by the North East quarter of section 20 which is included in my former claim thence running 160. North at a stake with my name written upon thence running 160 Rods E. at a stake thence running S. 160. Rods. at the place of beginning bounded on the East by the School Section
handed in May 12th 1841———
handed in May 12th 1841——— L B COSTLEY

A claim commencing at the North East of the Conloge claim running one mile north to a stake then a half mile. W. to a stake then a mile South to a Stake then a half mile E to to a stake Started from including the Dickson Claim
handed in May—— JAMES WILLIAMS

Jany 25th 1841
A claim made and purchased by Seth Hines including the North part of the dickeson claim bounded South by. E. K Morse running N ½ M. & 1 M E. taking in the Elm Grove on the South including one half section Also an undevided half of the timber claim made by Dickenson and Conloge in Co

SETH HINES

The following is the description of a claim I made on the 18 day of May 1841 said claim is the west half of Sect. 21. T 80 N R 5 W. it has a Stake in each corner and marked

WM B SNYDER

handed in May 20th 1841

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The following claim I wish Recorded made April 1840 commencing at the S. W. corner cornering with C & R Henyan then East ½ mile to a Black Oak then N ½ mile to a Post then W. ½ M to a Bur Oak Saplin then S ½ M to the place of Beginning Bounded by Costley on the South & Henyan on the West & has my name on each Corner.

May 27th 1841. WM P DOTY
handed in May 27.——

This is to certify that we have this day made a claim bounded as follows commencing at a Stake at the South West corner of T. E Torrences claim then West one hundred & sixty Rods to A Large Oak Stub then S 320. Rods to A Ash Tree then E 120 Rods to a Black Oak Thence North 320 Rods to the place of Beginning including one half section

May 31st 1841. R WILLEY
handed in May 31st 1841 A B KIRKPATRICK
I N BLANTEN
& Co.

S W Quarter of Section 35 T. 81. N R 5 West
N. E. " " " 2 T 80 N R 5 "
E ½ N W. " " " 2 T. 80 N R 5 "
To be Recorded in the Name of I N Blanten
Made on Friday June 4th 1841
handed in June 7th 1841 I N BLANTEN

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The following claim I wish recorded to me as a forfeited claim of Leshes the same beeing N E qr of and the W ½ of the S. E. qr of Sect 34 T. 80 N. R 6 West of the 5 principal meridian the above claim has been Taken by Montgomery & Norley as a forfeited claim but in my opinion the claim was not subject to Entry at the time they had it Registered as it was then not forfeited[1] JOHN A STREET
August 4th 1841.
handed in August 4th 1841

I have this day made the following claim to Land Lying in the County of Johnson & Iowa Territory the S. W. qr of Sect 3. Town 80. Range 5 W also the S. E qr. in Sect 4. in Township 80 Range 5 West according to the surveyd lines
September 13th 1841 GEORGE S HAMPTON
handed in September 18th. 1841

The following claim having become forfeited I have made claim to the same this day the same beeing the N ½ of the S W qr of Sect 25 & the S ½ of the N W qr of same section Town 80 N R 6 west S. H. MCCRORY
handed in Oct 1st 1841

[53]

I have this day made the following claim Land (it being surveyed) Situated Lying and being in the County of Johnson

[1]For Montgomery and Norley's record see page 88.

and Territory of Iowa towit the N ½ of Sect 21. T.80 N Range 5 west and also the N W. qr of Sect 25 in Range 5 west Township 80. W C ROLSTON
November 8th r841
handed in Novem 10th 1841——

I have this day made the following claim to Land (it being surveyed) situated Lying and being in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa Viz. the W. ½ of Sect 11 in R 5 W Township 80 N. and also the W ½ the N E qr. & the W ½ of the S. E qr of Sect 11. Range 5 W. Township 80.
November 8th 1841. R RALSTON
handed in November 10th 1841——

The following claim I wish recorded to me the same being the W ½ of The S. E. qr. of Sect 30 Town 80 N R. 5 west of the 5 principal meridian
November 15th 1841— MOSES. HALE
handed in November 15th 1841——

I have this day made the following Claim to land lying in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa towit the S. ½ of Sect 35 in Range 5 west Township 81. North November 15th 1841—— HENRY TAYLOR
handed in November 17th 1841——

[*Pages 54 and 55 are not to be found in the original manuscript.*]

[*56*]

This is to Certify that I have this 20 day of April made a claim it being the North half of Sect 10 Township 80 North Range 5 west & have written my Name on the mile & half mile post at each corner of said Claim N B MORSE
handed in April 1842

Iowa City August 9 1842 the following is a description of a Claim which I am informed is forfeited which I wish recorded to me (to wit) the N. W qr of Set No 3. in Township No 79 N R 6 west with the Exception of the one undivided fourth of the same the part I wish to claim is that part that has heretofore been claimed by men by the name of Coe
handed in August 10th 1842 DANIEL BARRETT

The following is a description of a claim (having been forfeited by Robert Lucas)[1] towit the S. E. qr of Sect 15. in Township 79 N R 6 west which I wish Recorded in my Name (handed in August. 11 1842) JESSE WILLIAMS

The following claim having become forfeited I wish the same Recorded to me the same being the S. W. qr of Sect 14 T. 79 N R 6 west of the 5 pr meridian
August 12th 1842 JOHN B ADAMS
handed in for Record
August 12th 1842

[57]

The following fraction or part of a claim formerly claimed by Robert Lucas[1] having become forfeited I wish the same Recorded to me the same being that part of the S. W. qr of Sect 15 T 79 N R 6 W of the 5 pr meridian that lyes east of Ralstons Creek or that part of said quarter that John Miller has not Registered to him August 12th 1842
MORGAN RENO[2]
Handed in for Record August 12th 1842

The following Claim I wish Recorded to me the same being the N W qr of Sect 33. the E ½ of the N E qr of Sect 32 S. E qr of the S. E qr of Sect 29 Town 79 N R 7 West of the 5

[1] See page 82 for the record of Gov. Lucas' claim.

[2] Mr. Reno was at one time Treasurer of the Territory of Iowa.

pr m the above Claim I purchased of James Seahorn for one hundred & sixty Dollars.
Septem 9th 1842
handed in Sep 9th 1842 LEWIS R FOUTZ

The Following claim I wish Recorded to me the same being the W. ½ of the N E qr of Sect 31—Town 80 Eighty North Range 5 west
September 21st 1842 JOHN W EGBERT
Handed in Sept 21st 1842

[58]

I Elish Pierson have this day to wit September the 26 1842 made the following Claim that is to say the E. half of the S E qr of Sect 31 Town 80 N Range 5 west of the 5 pr meridian lying & being in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa containing 80 Acres more or less which 80 Acre lot I have this day claimed by marking out the same & placing my name on the Corners. there of & which lot is said to have been claimed by Wesley Jones and Co but by them forfeited agreably to the laws of the claim association of said County & Request the same to be entered on the Record of the said claim association witness my hand this 26 day of September 1842
Handed in for Record ELISHA PIERSON
Oct 8th 1842

Following claim having become forfeited I wish the same Recorded to me the same being the E ½ of the N W qr of Sect 3 T. 79 N R 6 west of the 5 pr meridian this 10 day of November 1842 AUSTEN COLE
Admited to Record }
November 26 1842 }

The following claim having become forfeited I wish the same Recorded to me the same being the S. E. qr of the S W qr of Sect (2) Two Town 79. N R 6 west of the 5 pr meridian
Novem 13th 1842 D H Dewey
Admited to Record
Novem 13th 1842

[59]

James Robinson Claim

Is that part of the N W Fractional qr. of Sect 9. T 79 N R 6. W. which Lyes East of the Iowa River supposed to contain about 24 Acres James Robinson
Iowa City May 1841.
Handed in for Record
January 14th 1843

Beginning at the S. E. corner of Sect 33. T 80 N R 6 west thence N 160 Rods to the qr Sect Stake on the E line of said Section thence west 80 Rods to a Stake from which an Iron wood 4 Inches in diameter bears N 37 E. 3 Links then S 80. Rods to a stake from which a Bur Oak 15 Inches in diameter bears S 36.° 45 E. 48 ½ Links thence West 20 Rods to a stake from which a White Oak 24 Inches in diameter bears S 62 ½ W. 27 Links ————————
Thence south 80 Rods to a Stake from which a Hickry 30 Inches in Diameter bears N 24.° E 32 Links thence East 100 Rods to the place of beginning Stephen B Gardner
Admited to
Record Jany 14th 1843

This agreement made and entered into this the 30 day of October A D 1843. between John Horner of the first part and James Hill of the second part bouth parties of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa witnesseth[1]

[1] The agreement is found in this fragmentary state in the original manuscript.

IV.

RECORDED QUIT CLAIM DEEDS OR TRANSFERS OF CLAIMS.

[In an act approved December 3rd 1836, the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin declared, "that all contracts, promises, assumpsits, or undertakings, either written or verbal, which shall hereafter be made in good faith and without fraud, collusion, or circumvention, for sale, purchase or payment of improvements on the lands owned by the government of the United States, be deemed valid in law or equity and may be sued for and recovered as in other contracts;" and, "that all deeds of quit claim or other conveyances in writing, bona fide made for the transfer or conveyance of all improvements upon such public lands, shall be as binding and effectual in law, for conveying the title of the grantor in and to the same, as in other cases."—See Laws of Wisconsin, p. 35. Consult also, in this connection, "AN ACT to prevent trespass and other injuries being done to the possession of settlers on the public domain and to define the extent of the right of possession on the said lands," approved, January 19th 1838.—See Laws of Wisconsin, pp. 504 and 505.

The two acts of the Wisconsin Legislative Assembly, above referred to, were subsequently re-enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Iowa—See Laws of Iowa, 1838, pp. 388 and 389.

The attitude of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Iowa may be briefly stated as follows:

A sealed note, given for improvements on public lands, is not part of an illegal contract, and it is collectible.—Hill *v.* Smith, Morris, 70.

Merely selling lands belonging to the United States, where no deception is practiced, is not a fraud upon the purchaser. The traffic in public lands is not illegal.—Standard *et al. v.* McCarty, Morris, 124.

A parol contract for the sale of improvements upon public lands is valid, and is not such an interest in lands as the statute of Frauds and Perjuries contemplates.—Zickafosse *v.* Hulick, Morris, 175.

A note executed in consideration of a quit claim to certain lots of land, the title to which is in the United States, but containing improvements upon them, is collectible.—Wilson *v.* Webster, Morris, 312.

A "claim" on the public lands is a good consideration for a contract.—Starr & Burgess *v.* Wilson, Morris, 438.

See also, McCoy *v.* Hughes, 1 Green, 370; Doolittle *v.* Bridgeman, 1 Green 265; Ellis *v.* Mosier, 2 Green, 246; Pierson *v.* David, *et al.*, 1 Iowa, 23 ;Spry *v.* Sleppy, 15 Iowa, 409.]

[*1*][1]

This quit claim Deed made this third day of January 1839 witnesseth that I. Samuel Bumgardner has this day bargened and sold and by these presants doe bargen and convey to Andrew D Stephen (boath partees of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa) all my right title interest and claim in and to the following Tract or parcel of Land lying and beeing in the county and Territory aforsaid the same beeing the North west quarter of section Fourteen North east quarter of section fifteen and that part of the North west quarter of section fifteen that lyes East of the Iowa River the above quarters beeing in seventy Nine North six west of the fifth principal meridian for the sum of seventy five Dollars. to me in hand paid by the said Andrew D Stephen given under my hand and seal and date above written SAMUEL BUMGARDNER. [L S][2]

attest.

Samuel. H. McCrory

Samuel C Trowbridge.

admited to record March 15th 1839.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

This Indenture made this 3 day of January 1839 between Andrew D Stephen of the first part and Samuel H McCrory of the second part boath parties of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa witnesseth that Andrew D Stephen of the first part for and in consideration of one hundred and fifty Dollars.

[1] At this point in the original manuscript the pages are again numbered 1, 2, 3, etc.

[2] *Locus Sigilli*, place of the seal.

paid by the said S. H McCrory of the second part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargened and Sold to Samuel H McCrory the one equal & undivided half of the North east quarter of section No Twenty Two of Township No. Seventy Nine North range No 6 west of the fifth principal meridian by these presents have granted bargened and sold to the said S H McCrory. all my right title interest claim and demand in and to the afforsaid described land as well as in possession as in expectancy given under my hand and seal this day and date above written

Test A D STEPHEN [Seal]

Samuel C Trowbridge.

Admited to record March 15th 1839.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

This Indenture made this first day of March Eighteen hundred & thirty nine by and between Andrew D Stephen of the first part and Samuel Bumgardner of the second part boath parties of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa witnesseth that the said party of the first part has this day sold and quit claimed unto the said party. of the second part all his right title interest and claim in and to the within piece or parcel of land lying and beeing in the County and Territory aforsaid that is to say the North west quarter of section fourteen the above quarter being in seventy nine North six west of the of the fifth principal meridian for the sum of fifty Dollars. to me in hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt of which is here by acknowledged given under my hand and seal this day and year first above Written

Test A D STEPHEN

Samuel H McCrory

handed in for record

March 15th 1839.

[2]

This qut Claim witnesseth that I Elias Secor of the county of Johnson Territory of Iowa for and in consideration of Twenty five Dollars. the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged have this day bargened and sold and quit claimed all my right title interest and claim to a certain tract of land lying and beeing in the county and Territory above mentioned Knowing by these bounds South east corner with Elias Secor running one mile North cornering with Secor thence three fourths of a mile west thence one mile south thence to the place of commencement lying both sides of the old mans creek Unto Peter Crum of the county and Territory aforsaid to him his heirs and assigns to hold for ever also warrents and defends the said tract of land from all claims up to this date witness my hand and seal this the second day of March 1839

Witness ELIAS SECOR

Samuel C Trowbridge

This Indenture made this second day of June one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight between John Morford of the one part & Philip Clark of the other part. and boath partees of the county of Johnson & Territory of Wisconsin[1] witnesseth that the said John Morford for and in consideration of the sum of three thousand Dollars. in hand paid by the said Philip Clark the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged hath bargened. granted and sold and by these presents doe grant bargen and sell release and confirm unto the said Philip Clark his heirs and assigns all the right title interest and claim of him the said John Morford in and to his farm or claim on and to a certain tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the county of Johnson and Territory of Wisconsin the same tract or parcel of land lying on the Iowa

[1] Several of the deeds herein recorded date back to the time when Iowa was still a part of Wisconsin Territory.

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River & Bounded on the south by Gilbert and Clarks claim which they purchased of Massey on the west by the Iowa River on the North by Andrew D Stephens Claim and on the east by the Prairie with all the appurtenances there unto belonging to the said Philip Clark his heirs and assigns and to the only proper use of him the said Philip Clark. the said John Morford warrents and defends the title or claim in and to the afforsaid tract or parcel of land above described against all persons claiming under by or through him the said John Morford and none other in witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal this day & date above written

attest JOHN MORFORD

S H McCrory.

handed in for Record

March 23 1839.

[3]

This Qut Claim deed made this twenty seventh day of Febuary one thousand Eight hundred & thirty nine witnesseth that Elijah Hurley of the first part has this day sold and quit claimed to Charles Jones of the second boath parties of the county of Johnson and Territory of Iowa a certain tract or claim in and to a certain parcel of land for the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars. paid to me by the said Charles Jones the Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged for and in consideration of said sum of money. I doe here by convey and confirm unto the said Charles Jones. all my right title claim and demand as well in expectancy as possession in and to the following described lands lying & beeing in the county of Johnson. Territory of Iowa and beeing the west half of section seventeen Township seventy nine North range five west and the south west quarter of section Eight. Township seventy nine North range 5 west & the East half of the North west quarter of section seven & the west half of the North East quarter of section seven Township seventy nine North range

five west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand and seal this day and date above written ELIJAH HURLEY
witness
S. C. Trowbridge
handed in for record March 27. 1839.
(Delivered)

Know all men by these presants that I Samuel Henderson of Wisconsin Territory for and in consideration of the sum of fifty Dollars. to me in hand paid do grant bargen sell and convey to Messrs Turner and McCrory of Napoleon in Territory aforsaid all my Right Title for ever to a certain tract of land known and described as follows. commencing south of an Oak tree 80 Rods then East one mile to a stake in the Prairie then due North to a white Oak tree thence due west to a Black Oak tree thence south to the place of beginning three miles North of Napoleon in Testimony where of I hereunto sign my name & affix my seal April 11th 1838
Attest SAMUEL HENDERSON
John Gilbert
handed in for record March 27th 1839.

[4]

ASSIGNMENT OF. A DEED.

For and in consideration of the sum of forty six Dollars. I doe here by assign sell and convey all my right title & claim in and to the with in claim to Samuel H McCrory—of the Territory of Iowa.
November 23rd 1838. JAMES. S. TURNER——
By S H McCrory his attorney in fact.
Samuel H McCrory is fully empowered by me to make a deed of my claim to any person that wishes to purchase the same. JAMES S TURNER
Napoleon June 28th 1838

This quit claim Deed made this 5 day of March A D 1839 witnesseth that we Eli Myers & Henry Felkner have this day sold unto Elijah Hilton the west half of section 30 Town 80 range 5 west for the sum of Twenty five Dollars. in hand paid as witness our hands this date above written

ELI. MYERS.

handed in for Record March 28th 1839 HENRY. FELKNER.

Anarticle of agreement made this day between John. A. Street of Iowa. and Nelson Hasting of Bloomington[1] the agreement is this that the said John A Street. agrees to sell a sertain Claim and rails and what there on the claim lies North East of Napoleon 3 miles in the County of Johnson Iowa Territory and sold to said Nelson Hastings for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to be paid in Two Instalments namely one hundred to be paid the first of April and one hundred the by the first day of July Next If the money is paid a cording to agreement. from the said Nelson Hastings to the Said John A Street then this agreement is in full force and if not paid a cording to agreement. then this is nul and void January 2nd 1839. JOHN A STREET

witness

Robert. Walker

handed in for record March 27 1839

(Delivered)

[5]

Know all men by these presants that we Saml H McCrory & Andrew D Stephen for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars. to us in hand paid the receipt of which we doe hereby. acknowledge have bargened sold and forever quit claimed unto William B Snyder. all our right title interest estate and demand whatever to all those

[1] Now Muscatine.

certain tracts or parcels of land Known as the south East quarter of section thirty one & the south west quarter of section Thirty Two Township seventy nine North range five west of the fifth principal meridian Lying on Gilberts Creek & about two miles due east of Gilberts trading House including the Grand view Grove Against the claim or claims of all persons except the United States[1] we will for ever warrent & defend to this date syned seald and delivered this the 28 day of March A D 1839

In presants S H McCRORY [L S]
S. C. Hastings A D STEPHEN [L S]
Luke Douglass. .D.[2]

By S H McCrory attorney in fact
handed in for record March 28th 1838.
(Delivered)

I doe hereby authorise Samuel H McCrory to attend to my claims in my absence. A. D. STEPHEN
March 16th 1839.

Qut Claim Deed

This Indenture made this second day of March 1839 by and between Samuel B Mulholland of the first part and William Willson of the second part. boath parties of the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa witnesseth that the said party of the first part has this day sold quit Claimed and conveyd to the said party of the second part all his right title interest and claim in and to the with in described piece or parcel of land here in after mentioned that is to say the one equal and undivided half of the south west quarter of section Twenty Three Township seventy nine North range 6 west of the 5 principal meridian for the sum of fifteen Dollars to me in

[1] The claimants always respected the rights of the United States.

[2] Delivered.

hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt of which is here by acknowledged in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written S. B. MULHOLLAND

Test Delivered

A. D. Stephen.

[6]

This quit claim deed made this. Twentieth day of Febuary One thousand Eight hundred & Thirty nine witnesseth that A D Stephen has this day bargened sold and conveyed and & by these presants doe bargen sell and convey to William Willson boath parties of the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa A certain tract parcel or claim of land lying &. beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the North west quarter of section fifteen Township seventy nine North Range 6 west of the 5 principal meridian according to a survey made by George Bumgardner[1] for the sum of Two hundred Dollars. the receipt of which is here by acknowledged given under my hand this day and date above written A D STEPHEN

handed in March 16th 1839. (Delivered)

This Indenture made this 2 day of June one thousand Eight hundred and Thirty Eight between Philip Clark of the one part and John Morford. of the other part and boath parties of the county of Johnson and Territory of wisconsin witnesseth that the said Philip Clark for and in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand dollars in hand paid by the said John Morford the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. hath bargened granted and sold and by these presants doe grant bargen sell release and confirm unto the said John Morford

[1] Three different persons seem to have made surveys of claims in Johnson County, namely, George Bumgardner, Luke Douglass and Cyrus Sanders.

his heirs and assigns all the right title Interest & claim of him the said Philip Clark in and to his farm or claim on & to a certain tract or parcel of land lying being in the county of Johnson & Territory of Wisconsin the same tract or parcel of land lying on the Iowa River and Bounded on the North by I N Lesh on the East by the Bluff on the south by the farm or claim of Weaver on the west by the Iowa River with all the appurtenances there unto belonging to the said John Morford his heirs and assigns. and to the only proper use and behoof the said John Morford the said Philip Clark warrents and defends the title or claim in and to the aforsaid tract or parcel of land above described against all persons claiming under by or through him the said Philip Clark and none others in witness & whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date above written

attest PHILIP CLARK [L S]

Saml. H. McCrory.

handed in March 29th 1839.

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[7]

This Quit Claim Deed made this Eighteen day of August Eighteen hundred and thirty Eight witnesseth that John Smith of Johnson County & Territory of Iowa has this day bargened and sold & by these presants doth grant bargen and sell unto David Switzer of the County and Territory aforsaid all the right title or claim of him the the said John Smith in & to the following described tract or parcel of land situated Lying & beeing in the county & Territory aforsaid and claims of parcels of Land lying and being on the Iowa River & bounded as follows. on the west by the Iowa River on the south by Odells claim on the East by Bradley Claim on the North by Martin Smiths. Claim and also a tract a tract of Land for a timber Claim situated in the bend of the river & south of Martin Smiths claim to have the aforsaid claims or parcel of land

with all the apertinances there unto belonging to him the said David Switzer his heirs and assigns. and the said David Switzer having paid the said John Smith Two hundred and fifty Dollars. for the aforsaid Claims the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said John Smith warrents and defends the above claims to the said David Switzer against all Persons claiming under or through him and none others. in witness where of the said John Smith has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this day and year above written

attested by JOHN SMITH [seal]

Jonathan Harris.

handed in for record March 29th 1839.

This Deed made this Eighteen day of August Eighteen hundred & thirty Eight between Jonathan Harris of Johnson county & Territory of Iowa of the one part and David Switzer of the same place of the other witnesseth that the said Jonathan Harris for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand Dollars. to him in hand paid by the said David Switzer the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargened and by these presants doth grant bargen and sell unto the the said David Switzer all his right title and claim of him the said Jonathan Harris in and to a tract or parcel of Land situate on the west side of the Iowa River and bounded as follows. on the south by a line of agreement between the said Jonathan Harris & his father Pleasant Harris on the east by the Iowa River on the North by a line running due East from or through a small grove against the Bluff to the River & Bounded by Wards claim and on the west by the school section also a timber claim across old mans creek of a quarter section as marked & Bounded & Recorded by said Jonathan Harris to have and to hold the aforsaid claims or parcels of Land together with all the improvements. & apertinances there unto belonging to him the said David Switzer. his heirs and assigns and the said Jonathan Harris will warrent and de-

fend the said claims to the said David Switzer against all persons claiming under or through him and none other in witness whereof the said Jonathan Harris has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this day & year above written

JONATHAN. HARRIS [S Eal]

handed in for Record March 29th 1839.

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Know all men by these presants that I John Gilbert of Johnson County and Territory of Iowa for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars. to me in hand paid by James Massey of the Territory aforsaid the receipt thereof is here by acknowledged I doe hereby grant. bargen sell and convey unto said Massey all my right title and interest to a certain piece or parcel of land described as. Follows. being the N west Quarter Section thirty five in Township 79 North also a fraction between it and the Iowa also the timber lying oposite in Testimony whereof I herunto set my hand and affix my seal this 18 day of August 1838

Test JOHN GILBERT. Seal

S. C. Trowbridge.

August the 20 1838 I hereby assign all my right title and Interest to Lewis D Jones of Iowa Territory to the claim above described JAMES. W. MASSEY Seal

I here by assign all my claim right and title to the with in described tract or parcel of Land in witness where of I have here unto set my hand and and affixed my seal this 15th day of March 1839. LEWIS. D. JONES

handed in 29 March

This Indenture made this 14 day of March in the year 1839. between pleasant Harris of Johnson County & Territory of Iowa of the first part and David Switzor of the county & Ter-

ritory aforsaid of the second part. witnesseth that the said Pleasant Harris for and in concideration of the sum of nine hundred Dollars. to him in hand paid the receipt where of the party of the first part doth hereby acknowledge hath bargened sold & quit Claimed unto the party of the second part all his right to the following described tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County aforsaid bounded as follows. beginning at a Stake on the east bank of the Iowa River about seventy rods south of where the said Harris now lives thence west fourteen Rods thence North twenty Rods thence west to the East line of the school section thence North to the south west corner of said Switzors claim thence East following the south line of said claim to the Iowa River thence south following the meanderings of said River to the place of beginning containing Two hundred acres. more or less which said right the said Pleasant Harris doth quit Claim and for ever relinquish to the said David Switzor. his heirs or assigns In witness where of I the said Harris doth hereunto set my hand & seal this date above PLEASANT. HARRIS [seal]
A Wolcott
handed in March 29. 1839.

[9]

Know all men by these presants that I Nelson Hastings for and in consideration of One hundred Dollars to me in hand paid have bargened sold and quit claimed unto S C Hastings all my right title and interest to one undivided half of all that tract or parcels of land known as the east half of section Eighteen and the south East quarter of section seven in Township seventy nine North range five west in the county of Johnson. as witness my hand and seal this 30 day of March 1839 NELSON HASTINGS
handed in for Record April 2nd 1839.
(delivered)

Know all men be thes presants that I John A Street has this day swaped or exchanged the following tract or parcel of land with Henry G Reddout the said land lying and beeing on the Prairie North East from the Trading house about one & a half miles & embracing a small Grove at the head of some low lands lying N. E. of the trading house the above claim commences at the south East corner at a Stake on the Township Line and runs thence one mile due west then half a mile due North to a stake then one mile due due East to a stake then half a mile due south to the place of beginning containing half a section for a certain tract or parcel of land as described in said Reddouts deed of conveyance to me. I hereby Quit claim all my right title in and to the above described tract or parcel of land to the aforsaid Henry G. Reddout his heirs and assigns given under my hand & seal this 2 day of April 1839 JOHN A STREET [Seal]
handed in for Record March 2nd 1839. (Delivered)

Know all men by these presants that I Henry G Reddout has this day swaped or exchanged the following tract or parcel of land with John A Street the same beeing the East half of section thirty four Township 80 North range six west for a certain tract or parcel of land as described in said Streets deed of conveyance to me. I hereby quit claim all my right Title in and to the above described tract or parcel of land to John A Street his heirs and assigns given under my hand and seald this 2 day of April Eighteen hundred and thirty nine
HENRY G REDDOUT [L S]
handed in for record March 2nd 1839

[10]

Know all men by these presants that I James Massey of Johnson County & Territory of Wisconsin for and in conciderration of the sum of three Hundred & fifty Dollars. to me in

hand paid by Philip Clark & John Gilbert of the county and Territory aforsaid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged I doe hereby give grant sell and convey unto said Clark and Gilbert their heirs and assigns forever all my right title and interest to a certain piece or tract of land known and described as follows. North half of Section thirty five & south half of section Twenty six. bounded west by the Iowa River North by John Morfords claim south by John Gilberts Claim also one quarter section of Timber lying oposite the above described claim on the Iowa River said Massey agrees and firmly binds him self under the forfeiture of a perportionable part of the payment of said claim if Pleasant Harris or William Harris should by force or otherwise ocupy any or all of said Claim in Testimony whereof I have here unto set my name and affixed my seal this 31st day of March 1838
a copy taken from the original filed with J Gilberts Decd Papers. this 1 day of April 1839. S. H. McCrory.

JAMES MASSEY [L S]

Know all men by these presants that I James Massey of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa. have this day bargened and sold unto Isaiah P Hamilton of the county & Territory aforsaid a certain claim beeing and Lying in the county aforsaid Known to be the west half of the Claim made by William Massey for and in consideration of four hundred Dollars. lawful money of the United States to be paid by the said Isaiah P Hamilton in two payments unto the said James Massey his heirs executors or administrators for which sum the said James Massey of the county & Territory aforsaid conveys all his right and title and Improvements unto the said I P Hamilton his heirs executors and administrators where unto I have this day signed with my hand and sealed with my seal
August 31st 1839 JAMES MASSEY L S
attest *Frederick Loue*

The Conditions of the above obligation is such that if the said Isaiah P Hamilton of the County & Territory aforsaid shall

discharge two certain promissory notes given by him payable unto the said James Massey or order then the said I P Hamilton to be the rite and lawful owner but if the said I P Hamilton fails in any wise to discharge the same notes on or before the demand then the said I P Hamilton forfeits the said claim with all the Improvements made there on by the said Isaiah P Hamilton whereunto I have this day signed with my name and sealed with my seal this August 30 1838

ISAIAH P HAMILTON

a copy taken from the original in William Masseys hands this 1st day of April 1839

[11]

This quit Claim Deed made this 1 day of April 1839 witnesseth that I John A Street of the first part has this day sold to Samuel Bumgardner of the second part a certain tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the county of Johnson and Territory of Iowa the same beeing the southwest quarter of section one Township seventy nine North R 6. W of the 5 principal meridian for the sum of fifteen Dollars to me in hand paid by the said Samuel Bumgardner the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged in consideration of the aforsaid sum of fifteen Dollars. I doe hereby convey release & confirm all my right title interest and claim in and to the before mentioned quarter of land to the said Samuel Bumgardner. his heirs and assigns given under my hand and seal this this day and date above written. JOHN A STREET

handed in April 2nd 1839.

This quit Claim Deed made the Thirty first day of January 1839-witnesseth that I Samuel. C. Trowbridge of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa has this day bargened and sold and by these Presants do bargen and sell and convey unto Elijah Hilton of the County and Territory aforsaid all my

my right Title & Claim in and to a certain quarter section of land lying and beeing in the county aforsaid the same beeing the N. W. qr of Sect 13 Town 79 N R 6. west of the fifth Principal meridian (according to a survey of claims made by George Bumgardner.) the aforsaid quarter is situated and lyes. between my Prairie quarter & Timber quarter for and in consideration of the sum of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by the aforsaid Elijah Hilton I doe hereby Release convey and confirm to the said Elijah Hilton all my right title and claim to the aforsaid described land given under my hand this day & date above Written

attest SAMUEL. C. TROWBRIDGE. [L. S.]

A D Stephen

S H McCrory. handed in April 3rd 1839. no seal

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Know all men by these presants that I Isaac N Lesh of Johnson County. & Iowa Territory have bargened and sold and doe by these presants grant bargen and sell unto Eli Myers of said County and Territory all my right Interest & claim as well in possession as in expectancy to a certain tract or parcel of land lying on the east side of the Iowa River and bounded as follows towit commencing at the N E. Corner. of John Morfords claim thence a westerly direction along said Morfords North Line to the Iowa River thence Northwardly along said River to a certain leaning white Elm in the Edge of the bottom Prairie said Elm is blazed thence East to a stake in the side of the Bluff in the Prairie thence south to the place of beginning for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged to have and to hold the said premises with all and singular the appurtenances there unto belonging unto the said Eli Myers his heirs executors or assigns. and the said Lesh. the aforsaid land unto the said Eli Myers his heirs and assigns against the claim of each and everry per-

son claiming in through or under him will warrent and defend. in Testimony whereof I. have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24 day of October 1838

Henry Felkner Delivered ISAAC N LESH

handed in April 4th 1839.

This quit Claim deed witnesseth that I Samuel Bumgardner of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa. deeded bargend and sold & by these presants do bargen and sell and convey unto William Sturgis of the County aforsaid all my right title and claim in and to the following Tract or parcel of land lying in the County aforsaid for the sum of Twenty five Dollars. the Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the aforsaid Tract or parcel of land beeing the south East quarter of Section fourteen Township 79 N R 6. west of the 5 principal meridian according to a survey made by George Bumgardner given under my hand and seal this day and date this the sixteenth day of Febuary 1839.

Delivered

handed in April 6th 1839. SAMUEL BUMGARDNER [L S]

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This Indenture made and concluded this the 17 day of May in the year 1838 between John Earhart of Johnson County and Territory of Wisconsin of the first part and Jesse McCart. Stephen Harris Samuel C Fuller and M F Shattuck of Ogle County & state of Illinois of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part. for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars. to him in hand paid the recepit where of he doth hereby acknowledge hath bargend bargened sold & qut claimed and by these presants doth bargen sell & quit claim unto the party of the second part all his right and Title to the following described tract of land (towit) beginning on the west bank of the Iowa River at the

mouth of the Creek commonly called Cleer creek in said county of Johnson thence west 160 Rods thence North 160 Rods thence east to said River thence south following the meanders of said River to the place of beginning containing about one hundred & sixty acres more or less. also about 100 acres of timber land east of the above described lot and adjoining the River together with all the appurtinances there unto belonging unto the party of the second part their heirs or assigns. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this date above written

Pleasant Harris

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handed in April 6th 1839. JOHN ×. EARHART

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This Indenture made and concluded this 24 day of September 1838 between Stephen Harris of the first part and Jesse McCart of the second part. witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of One hundred Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt where of he doth hereby acknowledge hath bargened quit claimed and by these presants doe bargen sell and quit claim to the said Jesse McCart. all his right & title to the following described tract of land in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa beginning at the mouth of Cleer Creek running North up the River half a mile thence west half a mile thence N W 1 ½ miles thence south to said Cleer Creek. thence down said Creek to the place of beginning also his right and title of the undivided one third part of a claim of timber lying East of the River & oposite the above described tract or parcel of land. bounded by a line beginning oposite the North line of the first mentioned tract running up a certain ravine to the River again also his undivided one third part of a claim bounded East by the west line of Wrights Claim & west by the East line of Bolsters embracing all the timber on each side of the Creek bounded North & South by lines running east & west. through said

Timber In witness where of I have Set my hand and seal the day & date above written STEPHEN HARRIS
handed in April 6th 1839

[14]

This Indenture made and concluded this 7 day of March 1839. between Jesse McCart of the first part and Nathaniel Fellows of the second witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five Dollars to to him in hand paid the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged has bargened sold and quit claimed and by these presants do bargen sell and quit claim unto the said Nathaniel Fellows all his right and title to the following described tract or parcel of land beginning at a certain white ash Tree on the south side of Clear Creek about 40 Rods East of the claim on which the said Nathaniel Fellows now Resides running North about three fourths of a mile thence west ½ mile thence south half a mile thence East along the North Boundry of the said Nathaniel Fellows claim which he purchased of I P Hamilton till it intersects the first mentioned line in witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal this day and date above written. JESSE MCCART. [Seal]
handed in 6 April 1839

Know all men by these presants that I Isaiah P Hamilton of Johnson County & Iowa Territory in consideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars to be paid by Nathaniel Fellows of the County & Territory aforsaid the Receipt whereof I doe here by acknowledge have Released and qut claimed unto the said Nathaniel Fellows all my right and Title to the following described tract of land (towit) beginning at a Small Bur Oak tree on the sand Ridge North of Cleer Creek thence west to another Bur Oak tree thence south to a Stake on the bank Clear Creek thence south west across the grove to a Red Oak

tree thence East down down the south side of the Grove to an Elm Tree on the south side of Clear Creek thence North across the Prairie to the place of beginning supposed to contain a half section of land In witness where of I have here unto set my hand & seal this 20. day of May 1838
handed in April 6th 1839. ISAIAH P HAMILTON

Know all men by these presants that I Samuel Bumgardner for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars to me in hand paid the Receipt where of is here by acknowledged have bargened sold and for ever quit claimed unto John Kight all my right title interest claim estate and demand what ever to all those tracts or parcels of land known and described as follows the same beeing two fractional quarters. containing about one hundred and sixty acres and situated on the Iowa River. the same beeing the south west fractional quarter of Section Ten and the South East fractional quarter of section Nine Town 79. N. R 6 west of the 5 principal meridian lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa against the claims of all persons Except the united states I warrent & defend the claim above mentioned up to this date given under my hand & seal this 4 day of April 1839.
handed in April 6th 1839. SAMUEL BUMGARDNER [L S]

[15]

This quit Claim Deed witnesseth that I William Sturges of of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa deeded bargened and sold and by these presants and by these presants doe bargen sell and convey to Samuel Bumgardner. of the County aforsaid all my right title & claim in and to the following tract and parcels of land beeing in the county aforsaid for the sum of Ten Dollars. the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged the aforsaid Tract of land beeing the west half of the South west quarter of section Two Township seventy

nine North Range 6 west of the 5 principal meridian according to George Bumgardners Survey given under my hand & seal this day & date April 6th 1839 WILLIAM STURGIS
handed in April 6th 1839.

This quit claim deed made this 29 day of March A D. 1839. witnesseth that Elijah Hilton. has this day bargened and sold and by these presants doe grant bargen and sell unto Henry Felkner all his Right interest and claim in and to a certain tract of land known and designated as follows. Viz the South half of the S W. qr of Section 25. Town 80 N. R 6. W & the N. W. qr of Sect 36. Town & Range aforsaid for the consideration of fifteen Dollars to him in hand paid the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged in Testimony whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal this the date above written.
handed in April 8. (Delv) ELIJAH HILTON

Know all men by these presants that I Elijah Hurley for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars to me in hand paid the Receipt of which I doe here by acknowledge have bargened and sold and by these presants doe bargent grant Sell and for ever quit claim Unto William Jones all my right Title interest Estate or claim what Ever in and to a certain tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa Known and described as follows. the same beeing the west half of the N. W. qr of Sect. Seven town 79 N R 5 west containing about 80 acres & Bounded on the East. by Charles Jones on the North. by Green Hill on the west by McCrory and Wilcox on the south by. Samuel H McCrory. given under my hand & seal this 8 day of April one thousand Eight hundred & thirty nine
S. C. Trowbridge. ELIJAH HURLEY [L S]
handed in April 8th

This quit claim deed made this 25 day of Febuary 1839. witnesseth that Henry G Reddout has this day bargened & sold & by these presants doe bargen & sell and convey unto Luke Douglass a certain claim tract of land the same containing one hundred & sixty acres or one qr Section it being the N E qr of Sect 2 Town 79. N R. 6. west of the 5 principal meridian for the sum of twenty five Dollars the receipt of which is here by acknowledged. given under my hand & seal this day and date above mentioned

Test HENRY G REDDOUT [seal]

Samuel H McCrory

handed in April 8th 1839

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Know all men by these presants that I. Samuel Bumgardner for the Sum of Twenty Dollars. the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged I do bargen & Sell unto Henry Reddout his heirs and assigns all my right title and quit claim in and to the following described tract or parcel of land Viz one quarter Section bounded on the East. by A Street. on the south by Henry Reddouts claim and one quarter Section beeing the N E. qr of Sect 26. Town 79 N R 6 west. of the 5 principal meridian according to a survey made by George Bumgardner. the same beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa given under my hand this 8 day of April 1839

handed in 8th April 1839 SAMUEL BUMGARDNER [L S]

This quit claim Deed made this 15 day of Febuary 1839. witnesseth that I. Elijah Hilton of the County of Johnson &. Territory of Iowa. have bargened and sold & by these presants doe bargen and sell and convey to Samuel Bumgardner of the County aforsaid all my right title and claim in and to the the following Tract or parcel of land lying & beeing in the County of Johnson for the sum of. One hundred Dollars the

receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the aforsaid tract or parcel of land Beeing the North East qr of Sect 14. the S E & N E quarters of Sect 11. Town 79 N R 6 west of the 5 principal meridian (according to a survey made by George Bumgardner) given under my hand & Seal this day and date above written (Delivd) ELIJAH HILTON [L S]

For and in consideration of the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by William Sturges the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I. doe here by assign to the said William Sturges all my right title claim & demand in and to the above deeded land with all the appurtinances there unto belonging given under my hand & seal this 22 day of Febuay 1839. SAMUEL BUMGARDNER [L S]
handed in April 9th 1839 (Delivrd)

This quit Claim Deed made this 12 day of April 1839 witnesseth that Elijah Hilton has bargened and and sold and doth by these presants grant bargen and sell unto Henry Felkner all his right Title interest and Claim in & to the N. W. qr of section 31 Town 79 N Range 5 west for the consideration of Twenty seven Dollars & Fifty cents to him in hand paid the receipt of which is here by acknowledged April 12th 1839
handed in April 12th 1839 ELIJAH. HILTON

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Know all men by these presants that I Samuel Bumgardner of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of Twenty five Dollars to me in hand paid by William Sturges the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I doe bargen sell and and by these presants have bargened sold and conveyd unto William Sturges all my right title claim interest and demand whatever in and to the following tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory aforsaid the same containing

about one hundred & sixty acres and bounded on the south by Henry Reddout. on the west by Reddouts old line & the River on the North by William Willson on the East by John A Street. given under my hand and seal this 12 day of April 1839 SAMUEL BUMGARDNER
handed in April 12th 1839 Delivd.

Know All men by these presants that I Nelson Hastings for and in concideration of fifty Dollars have bargend sold and qut claimed to S. C. Hastings one undivided One half of a Timber Claim supposed to contain three quarter sections more or less. about Two miles from Felkners Mill. and Taken by me in the month of April A D 1839. and recorded in my name and bounded by Blazed Trees and the initeals of my name marked there on as witness my hand & seal this the 17 day of April 1839 NELSON HASTINGS
handed in April 17th 1839

Know all men by these presants that I John Kight. of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of Twenty five Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have bargened and sold unto William Willson of the County aforsaid and by these presants do bargen sell and for ever quit claim convey unto the said William Willson all my right title claim and demand for ever in and to the following Tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory aforsaid the same beeing the East half of the N W qr of section One Town 79 N R 6 west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand & seal this 25 day of April 1839.

Test JOHN. KIGHT
S H McCrory. Delivered
handed in 25th April 1839

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Know all men by these presants that I William Wilson of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in consideration of the sum of thirty Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargened and sold unto John Kight and by these presants doe grant bargen sell convey & for ever quit claim unto the said John Kight all my Right title interest claim & demand whatever in and to the following tract or parcel of land situate on the Iowa River at the mouth of Rapid Creek bounded as follows. on the west by the River on the East by John A Street on the south by Samuel Bumgardner. and running north from Bumgardners North line half a mile supposed to contain a quarter section given under my hand & seal this 9 day of April 1839 WILLIAM WILSON
handed in April 23rd 1839
N. W ¼ sect. 34. T. 80 N R 6. west

Johnson County Iowa Territory
This is to show that I Green Hill have this day sold sold and conveyed a certain Claim of land to Christopher Gove for the sum of Fifteen Dollars. The said Claim beeing North of and joining of the said Green Hills Claim and also the same claim that I Bought of James Walding whereunto I have set my hand and seal. this date 18 day of Febuary 1839.
witness Presant ×
James Hill GREEN . HILL [seal]
handed in April 26th 1839. Deliverd

Know all men by these presants that I Samuel H McCrory for and in concideration of the sum of Three hundred & fifty Dollars to me in hand paid the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged have bargened & sold & by these presants doe

quit claim sell & convey Unto Jesse Bowen all my right claim & demand in & to the following tract or parcel of land Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same tract. or. claim of land beeing the west half of section Eighteen & the southwest quarter of section (7) seven Town ship 79 North Range 5 west of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey of Claims made by George Bumgardner given under my hand & seal this 2 day of May 1839

Delivered SAML. H. MCCRORY [Seal]

handed in May 3rd 1839.

[19]

Know all men by these presents that I Nathaniel Fellows of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of seventy five Dollars to be paid on or before the 4 day of July next by Isaac. N. Sanders. of the County of of Louisa & Territory aforsaid the receipt of a Note of this date for the above amount is hereby acknowledged. I do hereby release and give a quit claim unto Isaac N Sanders of the County & Territory aforsaid. all my right and title to the following described tract of land (to wit) beginning at the North East corner at a hickory Tree near the Iowa. River. from thence running south to a white oak Tree thence running west to a stake on the east line Olivia Curriers Claim thence running in a north west direction to a Birch Tree on the bank of Cleer Creek thence with the meanderings of said stream East to the mouth thence by the meanders of the Iowa River to the place of beginning in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8 day of may 1839

Note NATHANIEL FELLOWS [L S]

The above Claim is known as Shaddocks claim and supposed to contain one half section of Land.

attest Deleverd.

J Bowan.

handed in May 8. 1839

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Know all men by these presants that I William. C. Massey of Johnson County and Territory of Iowa in concideration of One Hundred Dollars to be paid by Nathaniel Fellows of the County & Territory aforsaid the receipt where of I doe hereby acknowledge have released and quit claimed unto the said Nathaniel Fellows all my right and title to the following described tract of land (Towit)
beginning at the North East corner at a Hickory Tree thence running south to a white Oak tree thence running west to a stake of the East line of Olivia Curriers claim thence running North west to a birch tree on the bank of Cleer Creek. thence with the meanders of Clear Creek to its mouth Thence down the Iowa River to the place of beginning the above described Tract is known as a claim made by Millins F Shattuck and is supposed to contain Three Hundred and Twenty acres. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this day of April 25. 1839.
handed in May 8th 1839. WILLIAM. C. MASSEY.

Know all men by these presants that I Elijah Hilton for and in concideration of the sum of One hundred & seventy five Dollars. to me in hand paid the receipt of which is here by acknowledged have bargened and sold & for ever quit claim unto John Kight all my right Title claim & demand in and to the Following tract or claim of land lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa. and described and Known as follows. the same beeing the the N W quarter of section Twelve (12) & the North west quarter of section Thirteen Town 79 N R 6 W of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey had of Claims given under my hand & seal this 4 day of May 1839. ELIJAH. HILTON
handed in May 6th 1839. Deliver

For and in concideration of the sum of Four hundred Dollars

to me in hand received I assign the within deed to I. N. Sanders. June 6th 1839.
Witness
David. Cox Deliverd JOHN KIGHT

[21]

This indenture made this 4 day of May in the year 1839 between Jesse McCart of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa of the One part and David Switzer of the county and Territory aforsaid of the other part witnesseth that the party of the first part hath this day sold released and quit claimed and by these presants doth sell release and quit claim unto the said David Switzer his heirs and assigns all his right title and claim to the following described tract or parcel of land situated in the County aforsaid and designated as follows. beginning on the bluff at a small black Oak Tree on the south side of Cleer Creek and adjoining the west line of John Hakins claim thence north one mile to a Stake thence west about three fourths of a mile to a Stake and east Line of Briant Denis' Claim thence south one mile to a Stake thence east to the place of beginning containing four hundred acres more or less to have and hold the said tract of land and all my right and title there to In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this date above
Attest JESSE MCCART [Seal]
Pleasant Harris.
handed in May 6..

[*At this place in the original manuscript the minutes of the meetings* (*see pp. 17–22*) *of the Claim Association are found inserted between pages 21 and 22. It is possible, that, being detached, they were subsequently pasted in this unnatural place.*]

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Know all men by these presants that we Green Hill and Scian Hill for and in concideration of the sum of one hundred

and sixty Dollars to us in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargened & sold and by these presants doe for ever sell and quit Claim unto William H Downey the following described tract or claim of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the North west quarter of section five Township seventy nine North Range five west and the East half of the south East quarter of section Thirty one Township 80 North Range five west of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey of Claims made by Luke Douglass given under our hands and seals this 6 day of May 1839

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Delivered Green × Hill [Seal]
mark
Sian. Hill [seal]

[23]

This Indenture made the 29 day of April 1839. between David Switzor of Johnson County and Territory of Iowa of the one part and Samuel Wesh of the same place of the other part. witness that the said David Switzor in concideration of the sum of Two hundred & fifty Dollars. to him in hand paid by the said Samuel Wesh the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged doth Quit claim sell and confirm unto the said Samuel Welch his heirs and assigns all the following described tract or parcel of land situated Lying and beeing on the East side of the Iowa River in the county and Territory aforsaid and bounded on the west by Robert Walker's claim and the Iowa River on the south by the claim of Mr Odell & running one mile from the River On the east by a line drawn due North & bounding part of the Distance on an 80 acre claim made by Robert Walker one mile to a section line then west bounding on Walkers claims by a straight line one mile to the place of beginning beeing and including all the claim Deeded by John Smith to David Switzor & also that tract or parcel of land. Deeded by the said John Smith to Enos

Cook. to have and to hold the same as aforsaid Described with Every part and parcel there of to the said Samuel Welch his heirs and assigns for ever. and the said David Switzer doth hereby relinquish all right and claim to the same and will for ever warrent and defend the said parcels of land against him and his heirs and none others in witness where of he has here unto signed his name and affixed his seal this day and year above written

handed in May 6. D SWITZER [Seal]

[24]

Know all men by these presants that I William Jones of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of forty Dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargened and sold and by these presants do Quit claim sell and convey all my right and claim unto Jsse Bowen to the following described tract or parcel of land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa the same tract or claim of land beeing the west half of the N.W. qr of Sect. seven Township seventy nine North Range 5 west of the 5 Principal meridian according to a survey of claims made by George Bumgardner. given under my hand & seal this 9 day of May 1839.

Deliverd WILLIAM his × mark JONES

Attest

David. B. Cox

handed in May 9.

[25]

For and in concideration of the sum of Forty Five Dollars. to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I doe here by assign sell & convey unto William Wilson all my right title claim and demand in and to the with in claim or parcel of Land given under my hand & seal this 18 day of

May 1839. the same Land beeing the west half of section 30 Town (80) Eighty North Range five west.
handed in May 18. ELIJAH HILTON

[*The following record appears in the original manuscript between pages 25 and 26, and is numbered page 110.*]

[*110*]

Know all men by these presants that I. William Sturgis for and in concideration of the Sum of Two hundred Dollars to me paid by John Sturgis the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have bargened and do forever quit claim unto the said John Sturgis all my right and interest in and to the following described tract or claim of Land the same being the S. East quarter of Section fourteen Town seventy nine North Range Six west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand and seal this the 9 day of March 1843——
handed in March 9th 1843 WM STURGIS [seal]

[*26*]

This Indenture made this 18 day of May 1839 between Christopher Gove of the one part & Green hill of the other part witnesseth that the said Gove hath for the concideration of sixty Dollars bargened and sold and doth by these presants grant bargen and sell the following claim bounded as follows towit On the west and North by Green Hills Claim & on the south by Jones Claim supposed to contain 320 acres May 18th 1839 CHRISTOPHER GOVE
handed in May 20. By HENRY. FELKNER

This is to certify that I Christopher Gove have this day authorised Henry Felkner of Johnson County Iowa Territory to sell or dispose of the following claims or tracts of land towit one half section lying east of E Hiltons Claim on Rappid Creek & joining on Green Hills claim on ths south & one half section

joining William Jones claim on the South and Green Hill on the North & west
April 26th 1839 CHRISTOPHER. GOVE

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Know all men by these presants that I Samuel Bumgardner for and in concideration of the sum of two hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by A D Stephen the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I have bargened and sold and by these presants doe sell convey and for ever Quit Claim unto the said Andrew D Stephen all those tracts claims or parcels of land Lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing known and described as follows— the south East quarter of section three Town (79) seventy nine N R 6 west of the 5 principal meridian and the west half of the south west quarter of section two Township 79 N R. 6. west of the N West quarter of section fourteen Town seventy nine North Range six west. of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey had of Claims given under my hand and seal this 28 day of May One thousand Eight hundred & thirty nine SAML BUMGARDNER [Seal]
handed in May 28th 1839.

[28]

Know all men by these presants that I. Samuel Colver of Green County State of Illinois have this day granted bargened and sold and by these presants do grant bargen sell and for ever quit claim unto John G Coleman of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa all my right title interest and claim to a certain tract of land purchased of Joseph Stover in January last by the said Colver and Coleman for which the said Colver paid for Two thirds and the said Coleman one third and it is the two thirds part of said claim that Colver now sells and disposes of to the said Coleman Now the above mentioned claim was improved by Joseph Weaver and sold by him to

Joseph Stover and by said Stover to John G Coleman and Samuel Colver and said tract of Land is situated between the claims of Joseph Stover & that of William Morford and is bounded on the west by the Iowa River and on the East by Congress land or unsurveyed land Now the above description beeing deemed sufficient I the said Samuel Colver do relinquish all my title claim and interest to the above mentioned claim of land for the concideration of nine hundred and fifty Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt where of is here by acknowledged in witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal to this Instrument on the day and date first above written SAMUEL COLVER
handed in May 29. 1839.

Know All men by these presants that I Elijah Hilton for and in concideration of the sum of forty Dollars. to me in hand paid have bargened sold and qut claimed to Samuel B Mulholland all my right title claim and interest to the South East quarter of Section Twenty six Township Eighty. Range six west the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged as witness my hand and seal this thirtieth (30) day of May A D 1839.
handed in 1st of June— Deliverd ELIJAH HILTON

[29]

Know all men by these presants that I. S. B Mulholland for and in concideration of the sum of seventy Dollars to me in hand paid have bargened sold and quit claimed to Azariah Pinney all my right title claim and interest to the south East. quarter. of section Twenty (26) six. Township Eight North Range 6 west the receipt of which is. here by acknowledged as witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1839
handed in June 1st 1839 (Delivered) S. B. MULHOLLAND

This Indenture made this 22 day of May in the year 1839. by and between Abner Wolcott of the county of Johnson and Territory of Iowa of the first part and Louis Ranzahn of the County and Territory aforsaid of the second part Witnesseth that the party of the first part for and in concideration of the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt where of the party of the first part doth hereby acknowledge hath bargened sold released and quit claimed and by these presants doth bargen sell release and quit claim unto the party of the second part all his right Title claim or interest to the following described Tract of land. situated in the county aforsaid and bounded as follows. Beginning about one half mile North of the school Section in Township 78 North. of Range Seven west. at a Stake standing at the east side of the the presant Plowd ground and on the North line of Peter Crums Claim thence west Three quarters of a Mile thence North one mile thence East three fourths of a mile thence south one mile to the place of beginning containing about four hundred acres to have and hold the said tract of Land and all the right Title and interest of the party of the first part to same and every part and parcel there of forever in witness where of the party of the first part hath here unto set his hand and seal the date above signed in the presants of *Pleasant. Harris.* A. WOLCOTT

handed in June 1st.

[30]

Know all men by these presants that I David Cox for and in concideration of the sum of Eigh Dollars. to me in hand paid the receipt of which is here by acknowledged I doe here by bargen sell and for ever qut Claim to Thomas P Mulholland and Stephen Brown the following Tract claim or parcel of land Lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa and about 3 miles N. W. From Felkners and Myers mill commencing at the N W corner at a white Oak tree

and running south about half a mile to a elm Tree then running east about half a mile to a white Oak then running North about half a mile to a white Oak then west to the place of beginning containing something more than a quarter section given under my hand and seal this 6 day of June 1839.
handed in June 6th 1839 DAVID. COX [seal]

Know All men by these presants that I Samuel H. McCrory for and in concideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which is here by acknowledged have granted bargened & sold and by these presants doe for ever quit claim unto Andrew. D. Stephen of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa all my right Title claim interest and demand. what ever as well in expectancy as in possession in and to the following claim Tract or parcel of land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory aforsaid the same beeing the One equal undivided half of the N E quarter of sect. Twenty Two Town Seventy nine North Range 6 west of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey had of claims by George Bumgardner given under my hand & seal this 10 day of June 1839
Attest SAML H MCCRORY [seal]
Saml B Mulholland
S C Trowbridge.
handed in June 10th 1839.

[31]

This Indenture made this second day of January 1839 between Samuel Bumgardner of Johnson County and Territory of Iowa of the one part and J G Morrow of the County of Muscatine of the Territory aforsaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Samuel Bumgardner for and in concideration of the sum of fifty Dollars. to him in hand paid by the said J G Morrow. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has bargened

sold and quit claim deed given to the said Morrow to a certain tract of Land claimed by him described as follows. beeing the south East quarter of Section Ten (10) Town 79 N R 6 west and the south West quarter of section Eleven Town 79 N R. 6. W. beeing one mile and a half from the Town line of Napoleon bounded on the west by the Iowa River the said Bumgardner for and in concideration of the amount of money paid is also to build the said Morrow upon said claim a House of the following dimensions Viz sixteen by 14 Feet wide to be put up and covered in a substantial manner with Doors & windows said House to be finished by the 16 day of March A D 1839. witness our hands and seals this 2 day of January 1839.

witness — SAMUEL his × mark BUMGARDNER [seal]
Philip. Clark
A. D. Stephen — J G MORROW [seal]
handed in June 12th. 1839.

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Know all men by these presants that I Samuel Bumgardner for and in concideration of the Sum of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by Samuel B Mulholland & Thomas P Mulholland the receipt of which is here by acknowledged have have bargened and sold and by these presants do forever quit claim unto the said Saml. B. Mulholland and Thomas P Mulholland the following tract claim or parcel of land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the N. E. qr of Section One Town Seventy Nine North Range six west of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey had of Claims given under my hand & seal this 17 day of June 1839. (Delivered)
handed in June 17. SAMUEL BUMGARDNER [seal]

Know all men by these presants that I Henry G. Reddout. for and in concideration of the sum of Forty Dollars to me in hand paid by Samuel Bumgardner the receipt of which is here by acknowledged doe hereby sell convey release and forever Qut claim unto the said Samuel Bumgardner. all my claim right &. Title what ever in & to the following claim tract or parcel of land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the N E qr of sect. Three Town 79. N R 6 west & the N E quarter of section Twenty Five Town 79 N. R. 6 west according to a survey had of Claims given under my hand & seal this 18 day of June 1839. HENRY G REDDOUT [seal]
handed in June 18th 1839.

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Know All men by these presants that I Samuel Bumgardner for and in concideration of the sum of Seventy five Dollars. to me in hand paid by William Sturges the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I have bargened sold & by these presants do for ever Quit claim unto the said William Sturges all my. right title claim and demand whatever in and to the following Claim Tract. or parcel of land Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the N. E. qr of section Twenty Three Town seventy Nine North R 6 west of the fifth principal meridian according to a survey had of Claims given under my hand & Seal this 19 day of June 1839 SAMUEL. BUMGARDNER [seal]
handed in June 19th 1839. Delivered

Know all men by these presants that I Samuel C. Trowbridge for and in concideration of the sum of one thousand Dollars to me in hand paid by George G Oyler & John Horner the receipt of which is hereby by acknowledged. I doe here by bar-

gen sell and by these presants have bargened and for ever quit Claimed unto the said George G Oyler & John Horner the following Tract claim or parcel of land Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the South west qr of Section Twelve and the South west quarter of Section Thirteen Town seventy nine N R 6. W. 5. P. M. according to a survey had of Claims this Said Samuel C Trowbridge warrents and defends the title to the above claim or parcel of land against the claims up to this date given under my hand and seal this 6 day of July 1839. the said S C. Trowbridge has reserved the one half of the Crop on said Claim & it is agreed that the said Trowbridge is to have the East half of said Crop adjoining on to McCrory.

attest Delivered

Saml. H. McCrory SAMUEL. C. TROWBRIDGE [seal]

[34]

This quit Claim Deed made this 5 day of July A D 1839 witnesseth that John Morris of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa of the first part has this day sold and quit Claimed to John Parrott of the County and Territory aforsaid a certain tract or claim in and to a certain parcel of land for the sum of seventy five Dollars. paid to me by the said John Parrott of the second part the receipt of which is here by acknowledged for and in concideration of the said sum of money I doe hereby convey and confirm all my right title claim and demand as well in expectancy as possession in and to the following described lands lying in the County & Territory above named and known as the west half the south west ¼ of sect 9 T 79 N. R 5 west also the N. ½. N E ¼ of S. 8 T. 79. N R 5 W. also. 80 acres Lying due North of said lot. number not known also (160) one hundred and sixty acres prairie adjoining section sixteen & bounded. on the west side by Mr Shoups Claim and has a furrow ploughed around said Tract.

making in all five Eighty acre lots claimed and recorded by me given under my hand and seal this day first above written.

witness

John. Shoup. Delvd JOHN MORRIS Junr [seal]

Elijah. Hurley. (handed in 8 of July 1839.)

W ½. N W. ¼ S. 22. T. 79. R 5 }
E ½ N. E ¼. S. 21. " " " 5 }

J PARROTT.

This Quit Claim deed made this 5 day of July A. D. 1839. witness that William Jones of the first part has this day sold and quit claimed to John Parrott of the second part boath parties of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa. a certain tract or claim in and to a certain parcel of Land for the sum of Twenty five Dollars. paid to me by the said John Parrott of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. for and in concideration of said sum of money I doe hereby convey and confirm unto the said John Parrott all my right title claim and demand as well in expectancy as in possession in and to the following described lands lying and beeing in the County & Territory aforsaid & Known as the South half of the N E qr. of Section Eight. Township seventy nine North Range five west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand & seal this day and date above written

witness his ×

John Shoup (handed in July 8th 1839) WILLIAM JONES

E Hurley. Del mark

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Iowa Territory Johnson County the 3 of July 1839.
Know all men by these presants that J G Coleman for and in concideration of the sum of fifty five Dollars. to me in hand paid by Henry Crestler the receipt of which is here by acknowledged. have granted and sold unto the said Crestler all

my right title interest and claim belonging to a certain parcel of land on old mans Creek one claim which was made by Wolcot for the said John G Coleman about the month of Febuary or March last & bounded as per record of said claim it beeing the one undivided half of said claim & I J G Coleman do warrent. & defend from all claims claiming under me unto the said Crestler except the claims of the united States

Signed in the presence of JOHN. G. COLEMAN

her
Rachel × *Morford.*
mark

handed in July 17th 1839

This quit claim deed made this ninth day of July one Thousand Eight hundred and thirty nine witnesseth that Elijah Hurley of the first part. has this day sold and quit claimed to Morgan Haden of the second part boath parties of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa a certain tract or claim in and to a certain parcel of Land for the sum of fifty Dollars. paid to me by the said Morgan Haden of the second part the receipt of which I doe hereby acknowledge for and in concideration of said sum of money. I doe hereby convey and confirm unto the said Morgan Haden all my right title claim and demand as well in expectancy as in possession in and to the following described lands Lying in the county aforsaid beeing situated two miles and a half or three miles. N.E. of Wm Jones containing three quarters of a section bounded on the south by L Douglass on the E by a certain Slough on the North by Cyrus Sanders. claim On the west by land that is yet unclaimed given under my hand & seal this day and date above written

witness ELIJAH HURLEY.

James Haden

handed in Augst 26th 1839.

[36]

Know all men by these presants that I Henry G Reddout have this day sold all my right and title to a claim or parcel of Land to Silas S Swan in and of the County of Johnson. Territory of Iowa said Land is bounded as follows to wit,

East and North by land claimed by Hadens west by Iowa River and South by Green and Hayden Containing one Quarter section of land and I doe hereby in concideration and for the sum of Twenty five Dollars to me in hand paid by said Silas sell make over and transfer to him his Heirs and assigns all my right to said Lands

Given under my hand and
seal this 11 day of August 1839
at Iowa City

handed in by Reddout
August 23rd 1839

HENRY G REDDOUT. [S E A L]

Know all men by these presants that I Alexander McBaker for and in concideration of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid have bargened & sold quit Claimed unto E. K. Morse and George Shagley all my right title and interest to that tract or parcel of land Known and situated as follows in Johnson County Iowa Territory beginning at a Stake supposed to be on the W. Line of of the N. W. qr of Sect 19. T 80 N. R 5 W thence East 240 poles to a Stake thence North 240 poles to a large white oak thence west 240 poles to three white oaks on the west Bank of a large Slue thence south 240 poles down the west side of said Slew to the place of beginning given under my hand & seal this 24 day of November 1839

handed in 24 of September

ALEXANDER MCBAKER

[37]

Know all men by these presants that I Samuel Bumgardner for and in concideration of the sum of one hundred and forty five Dollars to me in hand paid by Francis Kerr the receipt

of which is here by. acknowledged I have this day bargened and sold and by these presants do quit claim and forever release and convey all my right and title in and to the following claim or tract of land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa the same beeing the East half of the. N. W. qr. of Sect. one Town 79. N. R. 6. west & the East. half of the south west qr of Sect 36. Town 80 North Range 6 west given under my hand and seal this 26. day of September 1839.

Test. Delivered

E K Morse. SAMUEL BUMGARDNER [L S]

handed in September 26th 1839

[38]

This Quit Claim Deed made this twenty fourth day of October A D 1839 witnesseth that Luke Douglass of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of Four hundred Dollars cash in hand paid to me the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. have this day granted bargened sold and quit Claimed unto Oliver Lindley of Tazwell County State of Illinois all my right title interest and expectancy unto a certain tract of Land the same beeing and Lying in the County & Territory aforsaid to wit the North west quarter of Section Two in Township seventy nine North & Range six west of the fifth principal meridian which title is hereby warrented and defended against all claims and titles except the title of the United States given under my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of October, A D 1839. Delivered in the presants

of *C L Allen* LUKE DOUGLASS [Seal]

J E G Naylor

Handed in Oct 24th Delivered

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Know all men by these presants that I Robert Small for and in concideration of the sum of forty Dollars to me in hand paid

the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledge have bargened sold and forever quit claimed unto William B Snyder all my right title interest estate and demand what ever to all those certain tracts or parcels of land known as the North half of the N E qr. of Sect 31. and the N Half of the N W. qr of Sect 32. Town 79 N R 5 W. of the principal meridian against the claim or claims of all persons except the United States I will for ever warrent and defend to this date signed seal and delivered this the 25 day of October A D 1839.

The presants of handed in } ROBERT SMALL
Wheten Chase October 25th 1839 }

Know all men by these presants that I David Odell for and in concideration of the sum of five Dollars to me in hand paid by Anthony B. Bogs I have this day bargened and sold & by these presants doe for ever quit claim to the said Bogs the following claim or tract of land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the N E qr of Sect 26. Town 80 N R 6 west & the N E qr. of Sect 23. Town 80 N R 6 west given under my hand and seal this 2 day of October 1839. DAVID ODELL [L S]
handed Octo. 29. 1839.

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Know all men by these presants that I Isaiah P Hamilton have this day bargened sold released by Quit claim Deed unto Henry Reddout of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa all my right title & interest in a Certain claim of Timber suposed to be in section (No 3 Three Town 78. Range six west Supposed to contain one hundred acres more or less it beeing the undivided half of a claim owned by Hamilton & Berryhill in company. said claim is bounded as follows to wit East by Jacob Stover claim west by John Gardner North by the south Line of Town 79. South East by the

Iowa River now for and in concideration of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by the said Henry Reddout. I warrent and defend the above described claim against the claims of all but the United States and further agree that in dividing the said Claim that in dividing it the said Henry Reddout shall have the choice where unto I have this day signed my name and fixed my seal

Octo 29th A D. 1839 ISAIAH P HAMILTON [S L]

In presants of

Mathias Lauer handed Octo 30th 1839.

Know all men by these presants that I William Wilson has this day bargened and sold & by these presants do for ever quit to John Kight the following claim tract or parcel of land for the sum of one hundred Dollars the receipt of which is here by acknowledged the same claim tract or parcel of Land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa and beeing the one equal undivided half of the N W. qr of Sect 15. Town 79 N R 6 west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand & seal this first day of November 1839

handed in November 1st. WILLIAM WILSON [Seal]

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Know all men by these presants that I Andrew D Stephen have this day bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim to William Willson the following tract or claim of land for the sum of four hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by the said Willson the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the same tract or claim of Land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the N. W. qr of sect 23. Town 79. N Range 6 west & the west half of the South west quarter or Sect two Town 79. N,

R. 6 west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand and seal this 1st day of November 1839
handed in November 1st 1839. A D STEPHEN [S L]

Know all men by these presants that I William Willson for and in concideration of the sum of four hundred Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I have bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim to Andrew D Stephen the following claim tract or parcel of land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the one Equal undivided half of the N. W. qr of Sect 15. Town 79. N. R. 6. west and the one Equal undivided half of the S. W. qr of Sect Twenty Three (23) Town 79 N. R. 6. west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand and seal this 1st day of November 1839.
handed in November 1st 1839. WILLIAM WILSON [Seal]

[42]

Know all men by these presants that I Samuel Lovejoy of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa have this day for and in concideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars the receipt of which is here by acknowledged granted bargened and Quit Claimed and sold and by these presants do grant bargen Qut claim and sell unto Charles S Foster of the County and Territory aforsaid all my right title interest and expectancy unto a certain claim tract or parcel of land the same beeing and lying in the County and Territory aforsaid to wit the North Half of Section Seventeen (17) Town Seventy nine North (79) Range Six (6) west of the fifth (5) principal meridian which claim I agree to warrent and defend against all persons titles except the title of the United States In testimony where of I have hereunto affixed my hand & seal the first day of November A D. 1839
James Wamsly witness SAMUEL LOVEJOY [Seal]
Handed in November 2nd 1839

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Know all men by these presants that I Charles Jones for and in concideration of one hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by Theodore Jennings the receipt of which I do here by acknowledge I I have bargened and sold and by these presants doe forever quit claim to the said Jennings all my right and Title whatever to the following claim tract or parcel of land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa situated about two and a half miles of where I now reside the same tract or parcel of land containing Three quarter sections the same beeing recorded by me as a claim the same beeing the southwest quart of Sect two & part of the N. W. qr. of Sect. two and the N W qr of Sect Eleven and part of the S E qr. of Sect (Two 2 all in Town 79 N R 5 W. of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand and seal this 11. day of November. 1839. Deliverd handed in Novemb 15th 1839.

his
CHARLES ×. JONES [Seal]
mark

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Know all men by these presants that we James George & Morgan Hadens. for and in concideration of the sum of Three hundred and twenty Dollars to us in hand paid by Theodore Jennings the receipt of which we do hereby acknowledge. we have bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim to the said Jennings all our right title and appurtenances there unto belonging to the following claim tract or parcel of Land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa situated about six miles from Iowa City a little North of East the same tract beeing described as follows. commencing at a point on the Township line between 79. & 80 one mile west of a certain large white Oak Tree marked as a section Corner[1] and bee-

[1] The government marks were often placed on trees.

ing on L Douglasses claim Running East until it Strikes Douglasses Claim thence North forty Rods thence running on Douglasses line until it strikes the Township Line again thence East to a point one mile from the aforsaid described white Oak Tree thence North half a mile thence west half a mile thence North Half a mile thence west a mile and a half. thence south to the place of beginning we warrent and defend all other Claims except Goverment at this time given under our hands and seals this 22 day of November 1839

witness Delivrd JAMES HAIDEN
Daniel J. Duval. GEORGE HAIDEN [Seal]
handed in 14 of Decem 1839. MORGAN HAIDEN

I relinquish my right to all the abe descibed claim I purchased of the Haidens except what is embraced in the following lines. Viz. commencing half a mile west of the Sect corner. of 2. & 3. 35. 34. and the Township line between. 79. & 80. N. thence E. to Douglasses Line then with Douglasses Line N. 40 Rods then E. with Douglasses line to the Township Line. then N ¾ of a mile to a Stake then W ¾ M to a stake then south to the place of Beginning

July 23rd 1840 THEODORE JENNINGS

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Johnson County }
Iowa Territory } Know all men by these presants that I Alexander McBaker of Cedar County Iowa Territory for and in concideration of the sum of fifteen dollars. the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge do quit Claim bargen sell and transfer unto Cyrus Sanders. of Johnson County Iowa Territory all my right title interest and claim in and to the following described claim tract of Land or claim (Viz) the N. W. quarter of Sect 19. Town 80 N R 5 west of the fifth principal

meridian in witness where of I have here unto set my hand & seal this the 12 day of June A D 1839—

Henry Felkner ALEXANDER Mc BAKER [Seal]
Eli Myers. Delivered
handed in
January 6th 1840

Know all men by these presants that I George Bumgardner Administrator of Samuel Bumgardner Decd. has this day bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim unto Matthew Tenick the following claim Tract or parcel of Land lying &. beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa the same tract or parcel of land beeing the N E quarter of Section Twenty five Ton 79 N R 6 W of the 5· principal meridian for the sum of twenty six Dollars to me in hand paid by the said Matthew Tenick the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged against the claims of all persons except the United States I warrent and defend the above claim up to this date given under my hand and seal this seventh day of January 1840

Test Delivered GEORGE BUMGARDNER [Seal]
S H McCrory (handed in the 7 of Januy 1840)

[46]

Know all men by these presants. that I George Bumgardner Administrator of Samuel Bumgardner Decd. has this day bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim unto John Reed the following claim tract or parcel of Land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same tract or parcel of land bounded as follows On the west by the Iowa River on the South Wm Willson claim On the East by Henry G Reddouts. Claim supposed to contain one quarter Section the above claim beeing registered by Samuel Bumgardner Decd. the 18 day of June 1839 for the

sum of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by the said George Reed the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged against the claims of all persons except the United States I warrent and defend the above claim up to this date given under my hand & seal this the 7 day of January 1840

Test GEORGE BUMGARDNER [Seal]

S. H. McCrory (handed in Jany 7th 1840)

Know all men by these presants that I William Willson for and in concideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars to me in hand paid by Henry G Reddout the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I have bargened and sold to the said Henry G Reddout and by these presants do for ever quit claim and confirm unto the said Reddout the following claim tract or parcel of Land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the N. W. qr of Sect One Town (78) seventy Eight North Range Six west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand and seal this 29 day of October 1839 WM WILSON [L S]

handed in January 7th 1840

[*47*]

This quit Claim Deed made and concluded this thirteenth day of January A. D. 1840 witnesseth that I Samuel. B. Mulholland of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa have this day granted bargened and sold unto Charles L Allen of the County and Territory aforsaid and for and in concideration of the sum of sixty four Dollars and fifty cents cash in hand to me paid do grant bargen sell and convey unto said Allen all my right title interest and expectancy unto a certain tract of land the same beeing and Lying in the County and Territory aforsaid and described as follows to wit the East half of the North west quarter of section Three (3) in

Township (79) seventy nine North and Range six (6) west of the fifth principal meridian which claim I agree to warrent and defend against all titles except the title of the United States up to this date Given under my hand & seal this day and date above mentioned

Luke Douglass S. B. MULHOLLAND [Seal]

handed in January 18th 1840 Delivered

Know all men by these presants that I Allen Baxter has this day bargened and sold and by these presants do forever quit claim unto Robert Hutchinson the following claim tract or parcel of land for the sum of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by the said Hutchinson the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the same tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa the same tract or parcel of land embracing all that part of my claim as recorded that lyes on Section nine and all that part of my claim as recorded that is on section Three on the west side of the Iowa River in 79 N Range 6 west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand and seal this 25 day of January 1840

handed in January 29th ALLEN. BAXTER [seal]

[48]

Know all men by these presants that I Walter Clark has this day bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim unto Charles C Morgan the following claim tract or parcel of land for the sum of fifty two Dollars. to me in hand paid by the said Morgan the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the same tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa Known & described as the south Half of section seventeen (17) Town seventy nine North (79) Range (6) Six west of the

fifth principal meridian given under my hand & seal this 23 day of January 1840

Attest WALTER CLARK—[Seal]

F M Irish

handed in January 27th 1840

[*49*]

Know all men by these presants that I William H Downey do constitute and appoint Green Hill of Johnson County Iowa Territory my lawfull attorney to sell and dispose of the following described property Viz a claim of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa the same beeing the N. W. quarter of Section five Town 79 N R 5 west and the East half of the South East quarter of section Thirty one (31) Town Eighty (80) North R five west of the fifth principal meridian & authorize said Green Hill to make a sufficient title to said land as if it had been done by myself this 26 day of May 1839.

WM. H. DOWNEY

handed in for Record January 28th 1840.

Know all men by these presants that I Samuel B. Mulholland have bargened and sold & by these presants do for ever quit Claim unto Morgan Haiden the following claim of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson &. Territory of Iowa for the sum of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which is here by Acknowledged the same claim or tract of land beeing the one equal undivided half of the south west quarter of Section Twenty Three (23) Township Seventy nine North (79) range six west of the 5 principal meridian given under my hand and seal this 18 day of January A D 1840

handed in Febuary 3rd 1840 S. B. MULHOLLAND [Seal]

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Know all men by these presants that I Henry G Reddout for and in concideration of the sum of Twenty five Dollars to me in hand paid by Samuel B Mulholland the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I have this day bargened & sold & by these presants do for ever quit claim release & confirm unto the said Mulholland the following claim tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the Same beeing the N. W qr of Section Three Town Seventy nine North Range Six west of the fifth principal Meridian given under my hand and seal this 30 day of October 1839.

Test HENRY G REDDOUT [Seal]

Saml. H. McCrory

handed in Febuary 3rd 1840

Know all men by these presants that I William Sturges of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa of the first part for the sum of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by Samuel B Mulholland of the same place of the second part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargened & sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim to said Samuel. B. Mulholland the following piece or parcel of Land Lying and beeing in the County and Territory aforsaid the same beeing the East half of the South west quarter of Section two (2) Township Seventy Nine North Range Six west of the fifth principal Meridian given under my hand and seal this 19 day of July 1839. WILLIAM STURGIS [Seal]

handed in Febuary 3rd 1840——

This qut claim deed made this 5 day of March 1839 witnesseth that Samuel Bumgardner has this day sold to John A Street a certain tract or parcel of land Lying and beeing in

the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the south East quarter of Section Two & the west half of the N W quarter of Section one Town Seventy nine N R 6 W of the fifth principal meridian I do hereby release convey and confirm unto the said John A Street all my right title claim and demand in and to the aforsaid lands for the sum of seventy five Dollars. to me in hand paid by the said John A Street the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged given under my hand & seal this day and date above written
handed in Febuary 3rd 1840

SAML BUMGARDNER [L S]

[51]

Iowa City Johnson County January 3rd 1840
Know all men by these presants that I David Cox has this day Granted bargened and sold and quit claimed to Francis Thompson a certain trat or parcel of land lying in Johnson County situated about 3½ miles N W. of F & Myers mill on Rapid Creek bounded on the East by E M Adams claim beginning at the S W corner of Adams claim on a white Oak Tree tree then running west about one half mile to another white Oak Tree thence N. about one quarter of a mile to another white Oak Tree then East about one half mile to another white Oak Tree thence south to the place of beginning supposed to contain about one quarter of a Section or one hundred & sixty acres for the concideration of fifteen Dollars said claim was made & recorded in the Johnson County claim association About the 18 day of may last with the initials of my name on the corners which claim I do warrent and defend from all others except the United States given under my hand & seal this day and date above written

Attest	Delivrd F. D.	DAVID COX
Robert McKee	handed in Febuay 5th 1840	
Mathias Lauer		

Iowa City Johnson County Febuary the 5 1840
Know all men by these presants that I Francis Thompson of the above named place have this day granted bargened and sold & for ever Quit claimed to Walter Clark & Charles C Morgan a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Johnson County & situated about 3½ miles N W of Felkners & Myers. mill on Rapid Creek and bounded on the East by E M Adams Claim beginning at the South west corner of Adams claim on a white Oak Tree thence running west about ½ mile to another white Oak tree then North about one quarter of a mile to another white Oak Tree thence East about one half mile to another white Oak tree thence South to the place of beginning supposed to contain one quarter section or one hundred & sixty acres for the concideration of thirty Dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged

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said Claim was made and recorded in the Johnson County association about the 18 day of May 1839. with the initials of David Cox who made the claim on the corners now for the concideration above named I hereby warrent and defend the said claim from all others except the United States up to this date witness my hand and seal this fifth day of Febuary 1840

attest FRANCIS THOMPSON [seal]

Wm Black

handed in Febuary 5th 184

Know all men by these presants that I James Morgan & George Haiden for and in Concideration of the sum of One hundred Dollars to us in hand paid by Theodore Jennings the receipt of which we do hereby acknowledge have bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim unto the said Theodore Jennings all our right and Tittle whatever to a

certain claim tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa beeing the N W qr of Section Eight (8) and the East half of the North East quarter of Section Seven Township Seventy nine North Range 5 West of the fifth principal meridian. the same beeing recorded by us as a claim made and we furthermore warrent and defend against all other claims except the government, at this time given nnder our hands and seals this 20 day of December 1839

Witness — JAMES HAIDEN [Seal]
Henry. Humphrey— — GEORGE HAIDEN [Seal]
handed in Febuary 12th 1840 — MORGAN HAIDEN [Seal]

[53]

Know all men by these presants that I John A Street for and in concideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by James & Morgan Haiden the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have this day bargened and sold and by these presants do forever quit claim to the said James & Morgan Haiden all of my right title and interest whatever to the following described claim tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the west half of the N. W. quarter of Section One Township Seventy nine North Range (6 six) west of the fifth principal meridian and recorded by me as a claim and I furthermore warrent & defend against all other claims except government at this time given under my hand and seal this 10 day of Febuary 1840

attest
John Mathews — JOHN A STREET [Seal]
handed in Febuary 12th 1840

Know all men by these presants that I Green & Sion Hill have this day bargened and sold & by these presants do for ever Release convey & quit claim unto John Matthews all

our right title claim & demand whatever in & to the following claim tract or parcel of land for the sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars. to us in hand paid by the said John Matthews the receipt of which we do here by acknowledge the same tract or parcel of land lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa described & Known as follows. the South west quarter of Section six and all of the North West quarter of Section six except Twenty five Acres and fifty seven poles on the east side of said quarter as per survey made by Cyrus Sanders. & corners established according to his Survey in Township Seventy nine (79) North Range five (5) west of the fifth principal meridian given under our hands & seals this 15 day of Febuary 1840

Test

his
GREEN × HILL [Seal]
mark
S H McCrory SION HILL [Seal]
handed in Feby 15th 1840

[*54*]

Know all men by these presants that I William Felkner of the County of Kosciusko and State of Indiana have for the concideration of five Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which I doe hereby acknowledge bargened & sold and by these presants grant bargen sell & quit claim unto J V Felkner all my right interest and claim in and to the following tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Johnson Iowa Territory namely the south half of the N. E. quarter of section Thirty six Town Eighty range six west in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this this 23 day of September 1839 WILLIAM FELKNER
handed in Febuary 24th 1840
Delvd

Know all men by these presants that I Henry Felkner of Johnson County Iowa Territory have for the concideration of five Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged bargened and sold and do by these presants grant bargen sell and quit claim unto Joseph V Felkner of the County & Territory aforsaid all my right interest and claim in & to the following tract or parcel of land Viz the N W qr of Sect 36 T 80 N Range 6 west in testimony where of I do hereunto set my hand & seal this 28 day of October 1839
handed in Febuary 24th 1840 Delvd HENRY FELKNER

This Indenture made this 16. day of November 1839 between Thomas Morrison of the Territory of Iowa & County of Johnson of the first part & Alexander Abel of the County & Territory aforsaid of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in concideration of the sum of thirty one Dollars in hand paid by the party of the second part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged has given granted bargened sold remised released aliened & confirmed & by these presants does give grant bargain sell remise release alien and confirm unto the said party of the second part to his heirs assigns for ever the south half of section (9) nine range (6) six north west of the 5 principal meridian. together with all the singular the appurtinances there unto belonging to have & to hold the same unto the said party of the second part his heirs & assigns & the said party of the first part does consent to warrent against previous claims the title to said premises against the claim of all and every person whatever except the claim of the United States in Testimony whereof the party of the first part has set his hand & seal this day & year first above written THOMAS M MORRISON

witness { *C S Foster* / *J D Able* } handed in Febuary 24th 1840

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Articles of Agreement made and entered into this 17 day o June 1839 by and between Stephen S Phelps of the County of Warren in the State of Illinois of the first part and Jacb H. Stover of the other part witnesseth that the said Stephen S Phelps has this day bargened & sold unto the said Jacob H Stover all his right interest and claim in and to the trading House claim on the North side of the Iowa River lying immediatly on said River Known and designated as the trading House claim being the same on which Mr Wheten Chase now resides as Tennant together with the rent of twelve Bushels of Corn to the acre for Twenty acres & the same rent for the balance of the field provided it should have an average crop with said Twenty acres. but should it not turn out to be so good to pay in proportion to the crop said Crop to be delivered in the crib by the said Mr Chase & to be received by the said Mr Stover when ever called upon by the said Tenant Mr Chase for and in concideration of the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars. One thousand Dollars of which sum has been paid & the said Stover having executed his note for the payment of five hundred Dollars. on the first of March next. and the said Phelps agrees on the payment of said note to deduct. seven percent per annum interest for the same—— and the said Phelps further agrees on the payment of said note at maturity to give peacable possession of said claim in testimony whereof the said Phelps has hereunto set his hand & seal this day and date first above written

Test

J. B. Patterson STEPHEN S PHELPS [Seal]

handed in Febuary 26th 1840

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QUIT CLAIM DEED

Know all men by these presants that I James Davis Administrator of the Estate of John Gilbert late of Johnson County I

T. Decd. have this day sold and quit claimed as administrator of said Estate of Jonathan Harris of Johnson County I T. all the claim of the said John Gilbert to the undivided half of a quarter section of land on which the trading House of said Gilbert Stands and also the timber claim of the said Gilbert which is oposite the above named quarter section upon which the said Trading House stands beeing on the west side of the Iowa River immediately on the River be the same more or less also the Balance of the Prairie quarter east of the first named tract on which the said Trading House stands on be the same more or less for the sum of One hundred & seventy five Dollars one half cash Down one half of the Balance in Three months and the other half in six months from this date Johnson County I. T. June 14 1839

JAMES DAVIS Administrator

For Value received I assign the with in Quit Claim Deed to Jacob H Stover JONATHAN. HARRIS

handed in }
Febuary. 26th 1840 }

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This indenture made and entered into this 15 day of May 1839. by and between James Davis of the County of Desmoin and Territory of Iowa of the first part and Jonathan Harris of the County of Johnson and same Territory of the second part witnesseth that the said Davis has this day sold unto the said Harris the undevided half of the following claim Viz. the undivided half of one quarter section of land beeing the S. W. qr of Section 35 and at the intersection of the base line with the Iowa River and beeing the land on which the Indian Village recently stood & bounded on the west by the Iowa River & on the North by the boundery line which divided the lands of the United States from the lands of the Indians in what is called the Black Hawk purchase for the sum of four hundred Dollars to the said Davis in hand paid by the said Harris the

receipt of which is here by acknowledged the said claim is the claim on which John Gilbert late of Johnson County resided on & said Davis obtained his right to the undevided half of said claim of John Gilbert Decd. & now conveys said right to said Harris as above described done in Johnson County Iowa Territory on the day first above written

attest JAMES DAVIS

William M Harris.

For Value received I assign the with in Quit claim Deed to Jacob H Stover

handed in } JONATHAN HARRIS
Febuary 26 th. 1840 }

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Know all men by these presants that I S. C. Hastings for and in concideration of the sum of one Dollar to me in hand paid I have presented and sold to William B Snyder my claim near Felkners Mill containing three quarter sections of land this 27 day of Febuary A D 1840 S. C. HASTINGS
handed in Febuary 28th 1840

Know all men by these presants that I Stephen Brown for and in concideration of the sum of Thirty five Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which I do here by acknowledge I do hereby sell and for ever quit claim to Frederick Harter the west half of the following described peace of land as made by David Cox lying and beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa & about three miles N. W. from F & Myers Saw mill commencing at the N. W. corner on a white Oak Tree running west about half a mile to an elm tree then running South to a white oak tree then running East to

a white Oak tree then running to the place of beginning given under my hand & seal this 27 day of Febuary 1840

his
STEPHEN × BROWN [Seal]
mark

in the presants of
Philip Clark.

handed in March 5th 1840 }

Know all men by these presants that I Theodore Jennings for and in concideration of the sum of Two hundred Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledge have bargened & sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim unto Samuel. S. White all of my. right and title whatsoever in and to a certain claim tract or parcel of land lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa & the same beeing the N W quarter of Section Eigh & the East half of the N E quarter of Section Seven Township Seventy nine N. R 5 west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand & seal this 24 day of Febuary 1840

THEODORE JENNINGS [seal]

handed in March 6th 1840

[*59*]

This is to certify that I have sold to David Garard my interest in a claim of land in Iowa Iowa Territory. Johnson County Bought of Mr Trowbridge containing one hundred & sixty acres. for which I paid the sum of five hundred Dollars

attest GEORGE. G. OGLER——
John Horner
handed in March 19th 1840

Know all men by these presants that we Green and Cion Hill for our selves and as attorney for William H Downey do

this day bargen and sell & by these presants do for ever quit claim to A. R. Gardner the following claim tract or parcel of land for the sum of One hundred & Eighty Dollars to us in hand paid by the said Gardner the receipt of which is here by acknowledged the same tract or parcel of land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & territory of Iowa known and described as follows. the N. W. qr of Sect (5) five Town (79) seventy nine north range five (5) west of the fifth principal meridian we warrent and defend the aforsaid claim or tract of land against the claim of all persons up to date except the government of the united States. given under our hands and seals this 11 day of April One thousand Eight hundred & forty

attest
S. H. McCrory

GREEN & their CION HILL [Seal]
× mark
WM. H. DOWNEY [Seal]

handed in April 11th 1840 By Green Hill

[*60*]

Iowa Territory April 15th 1840
Know all men by these presants that I Thomas P Mulholland the party of the first part do sell to C & B Henyan the party of the second part a certain tract of land lying on the North of a claim that is owned by E K Morse for the sum of thirty Eight Dollars. and warrent and defend it from all rights except the Government. it beeing one quarter of a Section

attest
John M Kidder

T. P. MULHOLLAND
(handed in April 16th 1840)

This indenture made and entered in to this 16 day of April A D 1840 between Samuel B Mulholland & Thomas P Mulholland Johnson County Iowa Territory of the first part and John M Kidder of Muscatine County Iowa Territory of the

second part. witnesseth that Samuel B Mulholland & Thomas P Mulholland for and in concideration of the sum of two hundred Dollars to us in hand paid the receipt where of we do here by acknowledge have this day bargened sold and forever quit claimed to the said John M Kidder all our right title claim & demand whatever in and to a certain tract of land situated in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa and described as follows- To wit Bounded by Cyrus Sanders &. E. K Morse on the North & west by E M &. D. Adams & Brown & south ½ mile by John Adams & west half a mile from thence half East from thence one mile North to the place of beginning to have & to hold said tract or parcel of land with all the appurtinances belonging unto John M Kidder his heirs and assigns for ever and the said S. B. &. T. P Mulholland for them selves their heirs executors & administrators will warrent and defend the title to the said tract of land against them selves their heirs executors & administrators. and against all other claiments whatever up to this date in testimony whereof we have set our hands and seals this day & year above written.

in the presants of
Gurdon Hutchinson
Bradford Henyan
Asa Adams
handed in April 11th 1840

S. B. MULHOLLAND
T. P. MULHOLLAND [L S]

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Know all men by these presants that I John Trout has this day bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim to John A Street the following claim Tract or parcel of land for the sum of Twenty five Dollars. to me in hand paid the receipt of which is here by acknowledged the same tract or parcel of land Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the west half of section Thirty five (35) Town Eighty (80) North. Range six west

of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand and seal this 14 day of April 1840 JOHN TROUT. [Seal]
handed in April 18th 1840

This is to certify that I. the undersigned has sold to Lewis Costley my right interest and claim to the following Described land Beeing the North half of the south east quarter of a Claim lately sold by. S. & T. P. Mulholland to John M Kidder for the sum of Thirty Three Dollars & Thirty Three cents the Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged April 18th 1840

Witness handed in May 1st. JOHN. M. KIDDER
Cornelious Henyon
Wm. P. Doty.

Know all men by these presants that I George Bumgardner Administrator of Samuel Bumgardner Decd. has this day bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim unto Samuel C Trowbridge the following claim tract or parcel of land Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa The same beeing the S W. qr of Sect 1 T 79· N R 6 west for the sum of Fifty one Dollars. to me in hand paid by the said Samuel C Trowbridge the receipt of which is here by acknowledged against the claims of all persons except the united States I warrent and defend the above claim up to date given under my hand & seal this seventh day of January 1840 GEORGE BUMGARDNER [Seal]
Test handed in
S. H. McCrory May 10th 1840

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Know all men by these presants that I Samuel. B. Mulholland of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for & in concid-

eration of The Sum of Fifty Dollars. the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I do bargen sell and by these presants have bargened sold and conveyed unto William Sturges all my right title claim interest and demand. whatever in & to the following tract or parcel of Land Lying and beeing in the county of Johnson & Territory of Iowa The same beeing the South half of the East half of the North East quarter of Sect 23. T 79. N Range 6 west of the fifth principal meridian the same containing 40 Acres—given under my hand & seal this 13 day of May 1840. S. B. MULHOLLAND [seal]
handed in May 30th 1840

Know all men by these presants that I John A Street have this day swaped or exchanged the following tract or parcel of Land with Henry G Reddout. Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the S. E qr of Section Two Town 79 N R. 6 W. of the fifth principal meridian I do hereby release convey and confirm unto the said Henry G Reddout. all my right title claim and demand in and to the aforsaid Land for a certain tract or parcel of land as described in said Reddouts deed of Conveyance to me I hereby quit claim all my right in and to the above tract or parcel of Land to the aforsaid Henry. G. Reddout his heirs and assigns given under my hand & seal this 12 day of June 1840
handed in June 12th. 1840 JOHN A STREET [seal]

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This Indenture made this first day of June Eighteen hundred & forty between Allen Baxter of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa of the one part and David Linley of the same place of the other part witnesseth that the said Allen Baxter for and in concideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars to him in hand paid by the said Lindley the receipt whereof is here by acknowledged hath granted bargened and sold and

by these presants doth grant bargen sell alien quit claim & confirm unto the said David Lindley all that certain tract or parcel of Land contained in Section four Township seventy nine North & range six west Lying west of the Iowa River and all that part of the said Baxters claim contiguous to the said fraction of section four not previously sold. together with all and singular the improvements rights Libertys privaleges and appertenances there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining also all the right title claim or demand whatever of him the said Allen Baxter to have and to hold the same as here by granted & Sold unto the said David Lindley his heirs and assigns for ever in witness where of the said Allen Baxter has hereunto. set his hand & affixed his seal this day and year above written ALLEN BAXTER [seal]

signed sealed & Delivered } *Wm. Ward*
in the presence of. }
handed in June 12th 1840

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Know all men by these presants that I William Sturgs of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of forty Dollars. to me paid by S H McCrory & Samuel. C. Trowbridge have bargened sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim and release all my right and Title in and to the following tract or parcel of land unto the said S H McCrory & S. C. Trowbridge. the same beeing the South west quarter of the South west quarter of Sect Eleven Township 79 N. R six 6 west of the fifth principal meridian the same containing forty acres given under my hand this day and date this the 6 day of July 1840
handed in July 6th 1840. WM STURGIS

Know all men by these presants that we Samuel H McCrory & Samuel. C. Trowbridge has this day bargened & sold &

by these presants do for ever quit claim unto William Hamilton the following claim tract or parcel of land the same beeing and lying in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same Known as the S. W. qr of the S. W qr of Sect Eleven 79 N R 6 west of the fifth principal meridian containing forty acres for the Sum of Seventy five Dollars to us in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged given under our hands and seals this 6 day of July 1840.

SAML H. MCCRORY [Seal]

handed in July 6th 1840. S. C. TROWBRIDGE [Seal]

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Know all men by these presants that I Theodore Jennings for and in concideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledge have bargened and sold and do by these presants for ever quit claim unto George Hepner of Desmoin County Iowa Territory all of my right & Title whatsoever in and to a certain tract claim or parcel of Land Lying and beeing in the County of Johnson Iowa Territory & the same beeing the North west quarter of Sect (10) Ten & the South west quarter of Sect (10) and the west half of the North East quarter of Section Ten. & the South half of the N. W. qr. of Section Four. Township seventy nine North. Range five west of the fifth principal meridian given under my hand & seal July. 14th 1840 THEODORE JENNINGS [Seal]

Iowa Territory }
Johnson County } Know all men by these presants that I Cyrus Sanders of the County of Johnson Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do qut claim bargen sell and Transferr unto William Jayne of the County of Johnson & Territory aforsaid the following described tract of Land or Claim (Viz) Lying in the

County of Johnson Territory of Iowa beginning at a Stake in the Prairie about one half mile N. E. of a Grove Claimed by E Hurley & L Douglass thence North one M to a Stake thence East one half mile to a Stake then S. 1 M to a Stake near the N. E. extremity of a Linn Grove thence west ½ mile to the place of Beginning also 80 acres of Timber Lying one half mile west of the aforsaid claim & bounded by E Hurleys claim on the South said claim is distinctly marked out and the initials C. S. marked on oak Trees at each corner. with all the appurtenances there unto Belonging given under my hand and seal this the 5 day July one thousand Eight hundred & Forty.

Test CYRUS [SANDERS]

S H McCrory handed in July 5th 1840

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Know all men by these presants that I Henry G Reddout. has this day bargened and sold released by quit claim Deed all my right and title and and Interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land the same beeing the west half of Section No One Town Seventy Eight North Range Six west of the fifth principal meridian in & for the concideration of the sum of sixty five Dollars to me in hand paid I. relinquish all my right. title and interest in & to said claim to Jacob H Stover his heirs or assigns Hereunto I set my hand & seal this 13 day of July 1840 HENRY G REDDOUT [seal]

handed in July 18th 1840

Know all men by these presants that we William Murdock and C C. Morgan have this day bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit Claim unto George Rossler the following claim tract or parcel of land lying South & south East of Hartsocks claim on Old mans Creek consisting o Prairie & Timber supposed to contain 6 quarter Sections

Known & recorded as the claim made by Murdock Morgan & Able & beeing the ⅔. of said claim on the North of said Claim with the initals as named above on the Corners. Lying in Johnson County about Seven or 8 miles from Iowa City for the sum of sixty Eight Dollars & fifty cents cash in hand paid and 2 Barrels whisky the receipt of which is here by acknowledged witness our hands and seals this Twenty fifth day of July 1840 WM MURDOCK Seall
handed in July 25th 1840 CHARLES. C. MORGAN Seall

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I do hereby for value received transfer the with in claim to Walter Terrel of South west qr. of Section Three & North of City Plat of Iowa. T. July 2nd 1840 WESLEY. JONES
handed in September 23rd 1840.

For value received I do assign and transfer unto Walter Terrel all my right title interest & claim of in and to the South west quarter of Section No. 3. in Township No. 79. North. and range No. 6. west lying immediately north of and adjoining the City of Iowa July 2nd 1840
handed in September 23rd 1840. WALTER BUTLER

Know all men by these presants that I John M Kidder of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa of the first part and Gurdon Hutchinson of the same County and Territory of the second part. witnesseth witnesseth that the party of the first part for and in concideration of the sum of sixty Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge have this day bargened sold released and forever quit claimed and by these presants do grant bargen sell and forever quit claim unto Gurdon Hutchinson of the second part all my right and title and claim and demand whatever in & to the following

described lot of Ground or tract of land to wit the S. half of the S. E. qr of the Lot that the said Kidder Bought of S & Thomas P Mulholland in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa to have & to hold the said tract of land with all the appurtinances belonging unto the said Gurdon Hutchinson & to his heirs & assigns forever in testimony whereof I have here unto set my name & seal this 16 day of August 1840

In presence of

..... *Enos* } { handed in } JOHN. M. KIDDER
..... *Hill* { { August 18th 1840 }

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This quit claim deed made and & concluded this twenty Eight day of July A D 1840 witnesseth that I Luke Douglass of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa have this day granted bargened and sold & by by these presants do grant bargen sell Convey & quit claim unto J. G. Gilmore of the County and Territory aforsaid for and in concideration of the sum of fifty Dollars Cash in hand or its equivolent to me paid all my right title interest and expectancy to a certain claim tract or parcel of Land being situated in the County & Territory aforsaid and described as follows Lying principally on the North sid of Town Seventy Nine North & Range 5 west & Bounded on the N by the claim Known by the name of the Haiden Claim and the section corners of two Three thirty four & Thirty five concentrating in the same and recorded by me as a claim the title to which I bind my self to convey clear of all incumberances up to this date in testimony where of I hereunto set my hand and seal this the day and date above mentioned signed and delivered in the presence of

handed in 24th August 1840 LUKE DOUGLASS. [L S]

For value received I assign the with in Deed to Theodore Jennings July 26th 1840 JOSEPH G GILLMORE

handed in August 24th 1840

[69]

Know all men by these presants that I Theodore Jennings for and in concideration of the sum of Seventy five Dollars. to me in hand paid the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledge have bargened & sold & by these presants do for ever quit claim unto John Cohick of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa all my right and title in and to a certain tract or parcel of Land Lying and beeing in the County & Territory aforsaid & described as follows. Viz. the same beeing the claim formerly owned by Luke Douglass and the bounded on the North by the claim formerly owned by the Haidens & on the South by Jennings the same beeing the timber the prairie Lying East Joining the same the whole containing about two hundred & forty acres and I further warrent and defend against all other claims except goverment at present given under my hand and seal this 28 day of July 1840
handed in August 24th 1840

THEODORE. JENNINGS [Seal]

This quit claim Deed made and concluded this 22 day of September 1840. witnesseth that I Charles L Allen of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iow have this day granted bargened and sold unto R. W. Dolbee of the County & Territory aforsaid and for and in concideration of the sum of seventy Dollars cash in hand paid to me do grant bargen sell and convey unto the said R. W. Dolbee all my right title interest and expectancy unto a certain tract of Land the same beeing and lying in the County & Territory aforsaid and described as follows to wit the E ½ of the. N. W. qr of Sect. 3. Town Seventy nine North R 6 W 5 principal meridian which claim I agree to warrent and defend against all titles except the government of the United States up to this date given under my hand & seal this day & date above mentioned

witness — handed in Septem 22nd 1840 — C. L. ALLEN.

C. S. Foster

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Know all men by these presants that I Stephen Brown of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of fifty Dollars to me paid by Samuel B Mulholland and James Sutton have bargened and sold unto Samuel B Mulholland and James Sutton all my right title & interest in and to The following Claim or Tract of Land & The same beeing a claim I made in May 1839 containing one half section Lying on Turkey Creek & Bounded as follows Jewett on the East and Caner on The North. & Brown on the South and supposed to be Adams on the west.) given under my hand and seal this day and date This the second day of November 1840 handed in Novem 4th.

witness
George. S. Hampton.

his
STEPHEN × BROWN [Seal]
mark

Know all men by these presants that we Samuel B Mulholland and James Sutton of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of ninety Dollars to me in hand paid by George S Hampton have this day bargened and sold unto the said George S Hampton all There right Title and interest in and to The following claim or Tract of Land situated in the County of Johnson. and Territory of Iowa on Turkey Creek containing one half section beeing a claim which Stephen Brown made in June 1839. and Bounded as follows. Towit bounded by Jewett on on The East. and Cannons claim on The North and Browns Claim on the South and Adams on The west. To have and to hold The Same described Tract or Claim of Land together with its appurtinances unto the said George S Hampton his heirs and assigns. & The Said Samuel B Mulholland & James Sutton do hereby convenant to and with The Said George. S. Hampton that They will warrent. and defend The said

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described Tract or parcel of Land against The Claim or claims of all and everry person or persons whatever pretending to have any claim to the same up to This Time except The claim which The Government of The United States which They do not pretend to convey— In Testimony where of The Said Samuel B Mulholland & James Sutton have Set There names and affixed There seals to These presants this 3 day of November 1840

SAMUEL B. MULHOLLAND [Seal]
And
handed in November 4th JAMES SUTTON [Seal]

Know all men by These presants that I William Sturgis for and in concideration of. the sum of one hundred dollars to me paid by John M Kidder the receipt of which is here by acknowledged I do bargen sell and for ever quit Claim unto John. M. Kidder all my right Title interest in and to The following claim or parcel of Land The Same beeing a claim which I have previously made and had recorded on the register of claims of Johnson County and is situated on The Iowa River Commencing on The River about sixty Rods above The mouth of Turky Creek and running Three quarters of a mile East. Then S. ½ mile Then west to the River Then to the place of Beginning given under my hand and seal this the 12 day of November 1840
handed in Novem 19. 1840. WM STURGIS [Seal]

[72]

Know all men by these presants that I David Lindley of The County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa do for and in Concideration of The sum of Three Hundred Dollars. to me in

hand paid The Receipt where of is here by acknowledged do grant bargen sell and by these presants quit claim and confirm unto John D Able his heirs and assigns. Administrators or Executors all that certain tract or parcel of Land Contained in Section four Town 79 N R 6 west Lying west of The Iowa River and all of that part of said Lindlys Claim Contiguous to the said fraction of Section four not previously sold to gether with all and singular The Improvements Rights Libertys and appertinances Thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining also all the right title Claim or demand whatever of him the said David Lindly his heirs & assigns for ever

In witness whereof the said David Lindley has hereunto set his hand and Seal This Twenty sixth day of November 1840

signed seald and DAVID LINDLEY [Seal]
delivered in the presance
of *W McCormick*
handed in Nov 27th. 1840

[73]

Know all men by these presants that I Austin Cole of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa have this day bargened and sold unto John Flin of Iowa City and County aforsaid the North half of Eighty Acres of Land that beeing the west half of the South west quarter of Section No. Three & County aforsaid in Township 79. & Range 6 west & I the said Cole doth agree by these presants to warrent and defend Unto said Flin his heirs and assigns the Land as above described against all other claims except the General Government. and the said flin doth on his part. agree to pay the said Cole in concideration for the said Land fifty Dollars in good money Ten Dollars to be paid in hand and forty Dollars to be paid by the first of October Next. in concideration whereof I the said Cole doth this day quit Claim all my right title and interest unto the said Flin his heirs and assigns forever in Testimony whereof

I set my hand and seal this 5 day of June in the year of our Lord 1840.

witness AUSTIN. COLE [Seal]

C. M. Priestley

For value received. I do assign all my right claim and Deed over to Wesley Jones & Co Iowa City September 30th 1840 handed in Decemb 12th 1840 JOHN FLIN

[*74*]

This quit claim Deed made and concluded this 5 day of December A D 1840 witnesseth that I Robert W. Dolbee of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa have this day granted bargened and sold unto Wesley Jones & Co. of the County and Territory aforsaid and for and in Concideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars cash in hand to me paid do grant bargen sell and convey unto the said Wesley Jones & Co. all my right title interest and Expectancy unto a certain tract of Land the same being and lying in the County and territory aforsaid and described as follows Viz The East half of the North west quarter of Section Three (3) in Township seventy. nine (79) North. Range six (6) west of the fifth 5 principal meridian which claim I agree to warrent and defend against all Titles except the title of the United States up to this date given under my hand and seal this day and date above mentioned

Iowa City Decem 5th 1840 R. W. DOLBEE [seal]

handed in December. 12th 1840.

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Know all men by these presants that I John A Street of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa have for the concideration of one hundred Dollars. to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged bargened sold quit claimed and released and do by these presants grant bargen quit claim release and sell unto C. S. Foster of the County &

Territory aforsaid all my right title interest and expectancy to the following tract of Land to Viz the North East quarter of Section Twenty six (26) Township Eighty N Range Six west of the fifth principal meridian and do hereby warrent and defend said claim up to this date against all claims except the claim of the United States In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 23. day of November A D 1840.

JOHN A STREET [Seal]

handed in December 23rd 1840,

Know all men by these presants that I John A Street of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa have and do by these presants sell Bargen grant quit Claim Remise & release unto Charles S Foster of the County & Territory aforsaid his heirs executors or assigns all my right title & interest and expectancy to a certain tract of Land Known and designated as the South West quarter of Sect Thirty five (35) Range Six (6) west of the principal meridian Town Eighty North— Lying immediately north of Iowa City and do hereby warrent and defend said Claim against any other claim except the claim of the United States up to this date in testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal at Iowa City this 23 day of Decemb A D 1840

handed in Decem 23rd 1840. JOHN A STREET

[76]

This quit Claim deed made and concluded this sixteenth Day of December A D 1840 witnesseth that I Austin Cole of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa have this day bargened and sold unto Thomas Cox of the County of Desmoin and Territory aforsaid and for in concideration of the sum of one Hundred & Twenty five Dollars. cash in hand to me paid

do grant bargen sell and convey to the said Thomas Cox all my right interest title and expectancy unto a certain tract of Land the same beeing and Lying in the County and Territory aforsaid and described as follows to wit the west half of the North west quarter of Section Three (3) Township seventy nine (79) North and Range six (6) west of the 5 principal meridian which claim I agree to warrent and defend against all Titles except the Title of the United States up to this date given under my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned. AUSTIN COLE [Seal]

Iowa City December 16th 1840

Test.

Frd Johnston

handed in January 23rd 1841.

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[77]

This quit Claim Deed made and Concluded this Twenty first day of January A D 1841. witnesseth That I Thomas Cox of the County of Jackson & Territory of Iowa have this day granted bargened and sold unto Wesley Jones & Co. of the County of Johnson & Territory aforsaid and for in concideration of the sum of One hundred and Twenty Dollars cash cash in hand to me paid do grant bargen sell and convey unto the said Wesley Jones & Co all my right interest and expectancy unto a certain Tract of Land the same beeing and Lying in the County and Territory aforsaid and described as follows to wit the west half of the North west quarter of Section Three (3) Township seventy nine North Range 6 west of the 5 principal meridian which claim I agree to warrent and defend against all titles except the Title of the United States up to this date given under my hand and seal this day and date above mentioned THOMAS COX

Iowa City January 21. 1841.

attest *J S Kirkpatrick*

handed in January 23rd 1841.

Know all men by these presants that I William Wilson has this day bargened and sold and by these presants do forever quit claim to Henry G Reddout the following claim tract or parcel of Land for a certain tract or parcel of land as described in said Reddouts Deed of Conveyance to me the said tract or parcel of Land beeing the West ½ of Sect 30. T. 80 N R 5 west of the 5 principal meridian given under my hand & seal this 28 day of December 1840.
handed in Febuary 1st 1841. WM WILSON [Seal]

[78]

Be it Known that in concideration of one hundred Dollars paid cash in hand to me by John A Street I do hereby sell all my right and title and for ever quit claim to the following quarter Section of Land beginning at the N. W. Corner of of the ¾ qr Sections bought by Kidder of Mulholland from thence running west 160 Rod from thence N 160 Rods from thence East 160 Rods from thence South 160 Rods at the place of beginning containing 160 acres given under my hand & seal this 30 day of. January 1841. Johnson County I. T.
handed in Febuary 1st 1841— PELEG C BROWN [L S]

This bargen made and entered into by the following parties Viz this day I James Williams has bargened and sold to Philo Costly a certain claim lying on the E side of Rapid Creek boundrys of said claim as follows commencing at a white Oak tree standing about 80 Rods. below the upper forks of Rapid Creek thence running south ½ mile thence E 1 mile to a stake standing on the Prairie near 2 Trees. thence N ½ mile to a stake thence W. 1 mile to the starting place—I the said Williams agree and bind my self to defend. all rights & claims excepting the claim of the general Government and also singular all rights claims & Interests to said claim for and in concideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars the receipt thereof I

here in acknowledge said Williams agrees to put up a House and finish Except putting up the Chimney & dobing[1] and also said Williams is to Haul out. Eight or Ten hundred rails all included for the receipt above mentioned

Receipt. Johnson County. I. T. January 25. 1841

Witness JAMES WILLIAMS [seal]

Cornelius Henyan

handed in Febuary 3rd 1841

For and in concideration of the sum of Eighty Dollars to me in hand paid by Robert Smith I assign all my right title interest and claim in & to the above claim this 7 day of May 1842 & I warrent and defend it against all claims except the government of the U states up to this date

Test | handed in PHILO COSTLEY

S H McCrory | May 7th 1842

[79]

Know all men by these presants that we Theodore Jennings & Joseph G Gillmore boath of Johnson County in the Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars. to us in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have bargened sold and do by these presants for ever quit claim to Silas Foster of the County and Territory aforsaid all our right title interest and claim with all the appurtinances there unto be longing to a certain parcel or tract of Land Lying and beeing situated in Township Eighty North and five west of the 5 principal meridian beeing about Six miles Eastwardly from Iowa City commencing at a point on the South. on the Township Line seperating 79 from 80. half a mile west from a stake where section 34. 35. 2 & 3. concentrates. running East until it strikes the Luke Douglass claim thence North about forty Rods thence East on the Line of said claim until it strikes the quarter section now owned by

[1] To paste mud between the logs.

Cohick thence North on said quarter untill it strikes the North line of said quarter thence East half a mile thence North half a mile then west half a mile South one fourth mile west ¼ mile south ¼ mile & west ¾ of a mile then south half a mile to the corners first mentioned Recorded by Theodore Jennings & purchased by him of the Haidens and embraced in there deed to the said Jennings which claim we warrent &. defend against all other claims except the government at this time given under our hands & seals this 27 day of March 1841.

attest THEODORE JENNINGS [Seal]
F A McCormick JOSEPH G GILLMORE [Seal]
handed in April 1st 1841.

[*80*]

Know all men by these presants that I. Walter Butler has this day bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim to A I Willis the following claim tract or parcel Land for the sum of fifty Dollars cash in hand paid the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged the same tract or parcel of Land lying and beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa the same beeing the one equal undivided half of the N. W. quarter of Section Two Town seventy nine North Range six (6) west of the fifth principal meridian and I do further warrent and defend the above claim against all claims except the government of the United States up to date given under my hand and seal this 19 day of March 1841

WALTER BUTLER [L. S.]

handed in April 28th 1841

Know all men by these presants that I Patrick Smith has this day bargened & sold & by these presants do for ever quit claim to Andrew T. McLewain the following claim Tract or parcel of land for the sum of seventy Dollars in hand paid the receipt of which is here by acknowledged. the same

Tract or parcel of land Lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa & known as the S. W qr of Sect. 31. Town 80 N. R 5 west pr M. & I warrent & defend the above claim to the said A. T. McLewain against all claims except the Government of the United States up to this date given under my hand & seal this 12 day of May 1841

Test

S H McCrory PATRICK his × mark SMITH [L S]

handed in May 12th 1841

[81]

Know all men by these presants that I Cyrus Sanders of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of Three hundred Dollars. to me in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged do quit claim bargen sell & Transfer unto David Ralston all my right title interest & claim in & to The following described Tract or parcel of Land Towit the North west quarter of Section 19. Township 80 N. R 5 west of the 5 pr meridian The west half of the S. W. qr of Sect 19 T 80 N R 5 W 5 pr M together with its appurtinances and improvements there unto belonging the above described Tracts of Land are situated lying & beeing in the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa on the waters of Sanders branch In witness where of I have here unto set my name and affixed my seal this 2 day of June 1841.

(handed in June 4th 1841)

CYRUS SANDERS [Seal]

Know all men by these presants that I Samuel Conloge of the County of Johnson Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of fifty Dollars. to me in hand paid the receipt of whereof is here by acknowledged have bargened & sold and by these presants do grant bargen and sell to Lymon Dillon and his heirs & assigns for ever all my right title interest in law and equity or under the regulations

entered into by the settlers of the Territory of Iowa to the claim or improvements with all the appurtinances there unto belonging that I now reside on & have been residing on for the last twelve months situated in the County of Johnson Territory of Iowa and about seven miles North East of Iowa City to have & to hold the same with the improvements thereunto belonging hereby warrenting and defending the title to said premicies against all persons whatsoever except the government of the united states in Testimony where of I here unto set my hand & seal this 13 day of May 1840
in the presants of
R P Lowe SAMUEL CONLOGUE [Seal]

[82]

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Know all men by these presants that we John D Able & William Murdock of Johnson County Iowa Territory for and in concideration of the sum of Two hundred Dollars good & lawful money of the United States to us in hand paid by William Kemp of Washington County Ohio the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged have granted bargened and sold released and for ever quit claimed & by these presants do bargen sell release & quit claim & confirm unto said William Kemp his heirs executors Administrators and assigns all that parcel or tract of Claim of Land situate in section four in Township seventy nine North Range Six west being west of the Iowa River and also all that part of Able and Murdock claim contiguous to the said fraction of said section four supposed to contain Three Hundred Acres be the same more or less to have and to hold the above described parcel of claim of Land and every part and parcel there of unto the said William Kemp his heirs executors administrators &C together with all and singular the rights librtys privaleges and immunities there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the same & the John. D. Able and William Murdock will for

ever warrent and defend against the claim or claims of everry person or persons whatsoever claiming under or through the said John D Able and Wm Murdock. their heirs executors or Administrators and against the claim of every person or persons or persons whatsoever except the claim of the united States up to this date in witness where of we have this day the 5 of July A D. 1841 set our hand & seals

witness
S M Wadley.
handed in
July 5 1841

JOHN D ABLE [L S]
WM MURDOCK [L S]

[83]

Know all men by these presants that I John A Street of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid by Charles F Hardie of the County & Territory aforsaid have & by these presants do grant bargen sell and Convey & quit claim unto the Said Chas. F Hardie all my right title and interest in & to A certain tract peice or parcel of land lying bounded and beeing situated as follows to wit. lying & situated about three miles North from Iowa City in Johnson County bounded on the west and south by Lands claimed by John A Street on the East by Lands claimed by Charles Foster on & on the North by lands claimed by John Shoup supposed to contain Eighty Acres. be the same more or less to have &. to hold the aforsaid granted and bargened premicies unto the said Charles F. Hardie his heirs and assigns for ever & I the said John A Street hereby covenents and agrees to warrent and defend said premicis or claim unto him the said C. F. Hardie his heirs & assigns against all lawful claims & demands. of all and every person whoomsoever. now existing Iowa City June 18th 1841

JOHN. A. STREET

in presants of.
Elonzo Williams
handed in August 2nd 1841——

Know all men by these presants that I. C F Hardie of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for & concideration of the sum of sixty Dollars to me in hand paid by J. M. Chote of the County & Territory aforsaid have and by these presants do grant bargen sell convey and quit claim unto the said J. M. Chote all my right title & Interest in & to a certain tract piece or parcel of Land lying &. & bounded as follows to wit. lying & bounded about three miles North of Iowa City in John County bounded on the S. &. W. by Lands claimed by John A Street on the. N. by Shoup on the E by C Foster. supposed to contain Eighty Acres more or less to have and to hold the aforsaid granted premises unto the said J M Chote his heirs and assigns forever & I the said C F Hardie hereby convenents & agrees to warrent and defend the said premicies or claim unto him the said J M Chote his heirs & assigns against all lawful claims & demands of All & every person whomsoever now existing Iowa City July 31st '41.

in the presants of C. F. HARDIE

Wm Murray

[84]

Know all men by these presants that I John M Kidder of the County of Johnson for & in concideration of the sum of thirty Dollars. to me in hand paid by H B Enos the receipt of which is here by acknowledged I have bargened & sold & by these presants do warrent and defend the said claim from all Encumbrances except that of the general government. up to this date & do for ever quit claim unto said. H. B. Enos all my right title in and to the following tract or claim of Land the same beeing that part of the South half of the North East quarter of Section Twenty Two T. 80 N Range 6 west which lyes on the East side of the River & the same is to be extended far Enough East to include Eighty acres in the whole given under my hand and seal this the 23 day of July 1841.

JOHN M KIDDER

This may certify that I am holding for the defence of the above mentioned claim up to this date July 23rd 1841 handed in for Record. WM STURGIS
August 5th 1841——

[85]

Know all men by these presants that I Allen Stroud of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of Two hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by William Henry of the same place have this day bargened sold conveyed & for ever quit claimed unto the said Wm Henry all my right title interest claim & demand in & to the following described tract or parcel of Land Viz the South half of the west half of the South west quarter of Section No Eleven in Township seventy nine North Range Six west of the 5 principal meridian Lying in the County & Territory aforsaid & immediately adjoining the South East corner of the Town Plat of Iowa City to have and to hold the said described premicies to the said William Henry his heirs and assigns for ever free from all incumbrances whatsoever except the Title of the general government of the United States of America in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17 day of August. A D 1841.

Witness presant ALLEN. STROUD [seal]
Stephen B Gardner
W C Rayan

For and in concideration of the sum of Two hundred Dollars. to me in hand paid by Samuel M Ballard I assign transfer convey and quit claim all my Right title & interest in and to the with in described tract or parcel of Land unto S. M. Ballard given under my hand & seal this 17 day August 1841.

Test
Saml H. McCrory WILLIAM × HENRY [seal]
his mark

[86]

Know all men by these presants

That I Charles. S. Foster of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of One hundred dollars to me in hand paid the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged Bargened and sold to John Polman of the County of Hamilton and State of Ohio all that tract or parce of Land Known and designated as the N. E quarter of Section 26 Twenty six Township (80) Eighty Range (6) west of the 5 principal meridian lying in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa and do by these presants warrent and defend said claim up to this date against all claims except that of the United States in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28th. day of September A D 1841 at Iowa City in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa

handed in October 2nd 1841. C. S. FOSTER [Seal]

Know all men by these presants that Griffeth Shreck of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars the receipt of which is acknowledged have bargened sold and for Ever quit claimed unto William Sturges all my right title in and to the following tract or parcel of land the same beeing situated on Rapid Creek about 1 mile above Felkners mill & which I made in the fall of 1837 & had recorded on the Johnson County Claim association Records in 1839. the same includes all right to the above mentioned claim let it be more or less given under my hand this 1st day of May 1841

handed in about the 1st Septem 1841 } GRIFFETH SHRECK

[87]

Johnson County
Iowa Territory }

Know all men by these presants that we Alexander Abel and John Able of the County of Johnson

Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of Two Thousand Dollars to us well and truly paid the receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge do quit claim bargen sell and Transfer unto Pleasant Arthur of Highland County state of Ohio his heirs & assigns. all our right title interest and claim in & to the following described tract of land (Viz) the South half of Section No. nine (9) of Township seventy nine (79) North Range (6) Six west of the fifth principal meridian lying partly on the west and partly on the East side of the Iowa River Also an undivided half of a claim described and Recorded on the Records of the Claim association of Johnson County as follows. lying about 3½ miles North of Iowa City on the South side of Iowa River commencing with a Tree with our names together with the day of the month October 29. 1839 Running W ½ Then S 1 m then E ½ then N 1. m the trees are blazed round it and our names on the corners C. S. Foster A Able. together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging Including a Ferry on the first mentioned tract Together with the Boat. Rope Canoe & so fourth belonging to and heretofore used at said ferry to have & to hold the same unto the said P Arthur his heirs & assigns & the said A & J Able do covenant to warrent the title to the said premicies against the claim of all and every person whatever except the claim of the United States in testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this the 11th day of September A D 1841

his
ALEXANDER × ABLE [Seal]
mark
JOHN D ABLE [Seal]

Frederick Disinger } (handed in
S M Wadley } Octo 1st 1841)

[88]

Know all men by these presants that I Stephen B Gardner of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of fifty Dollars cash in hand paid and

fifty Dollars secured by note of hand made payable to said Stephen B Gardner doth hereby bargen sell convey and quit claim unto James Trimble his heirs and assigns all my right title Interest and claim in and to the following described tract of land towit the South half of the East half of the S. W. qr of Sect No Eleven in Township 79 N. of Range 6 west of the fifth principal meridian together with all the improvements and appurtinances free from all incumberance except the Title of the United States in and to the same to have to have and to hold the same to the only proper use of the said James Trimble his heirs assigns for ever witness my hand & seal this 12 day of June A D 1841

attest STEPHEN B GARDNER [Seal]

F H Lee handed in Novem 21st 1841——

Know all men by these presants that I Matthew Brown of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa have this day September 2nd 1841 bargened and sold to James Trimble all my claim to a certain Tract of Land lying in the County above mentioned the same containing 40 Acres beeing the North half of the west half of the S. E. qr of Sect Eleven (11) Township (79) Range (6) six west of the 5 principal meridian now know all men by these presants that for and in concideration of the sum of one hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by the said James Trimble the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged I relinquish all my claim to said Tract of Land for ever sealed signed and delivered in the presance of the undersigned MATTHEW BROWN

Witness

H G Jones

C H Berryhill

[*89*]

Iowa City January 6th 1841

Know all men by these presants that John D Able of the first part do Bargen sell & give a quit claim Deed to William

Montgomery of the second part for the sum of Twenty five Dollars in full

J D Able said claim Lying four miles up the River on the west side of the Iowa J D ABLE
Wm Murdock.

This is to Certify that I have as administrator of the Estate of Wm Montgomery deceased sold & Transferred to William Henry all the right & interest of the said Wm Montgomery to the above described claim
Novem 20th 1841.

(handed in Novem 22nd) 1841 A CALKIN. Administrator

Know all men by these presants that I John D Able of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa of the first part for and in concideration of the sum of fifteen Dollars to me in hand paid by William Montgomery of the the same place of the Second part have this day sold one third of my claim supposed to be one quarter section Bounded as follows. to wit commencing on the Iowa River on a white Oak Tree thence west one half mile to a Red Oak thence S ½ M to a Red Oak then E ½ mile to a Small Bur Oak thence up said River to the place of beginning to have and to hold the same as witness my hand & seal. this 5 day of October 1841
In the presants of JOHN ABLE [Seal]
Cornelius Henyan

This is to certify that I have as administrator of the Estate of William Montgomery deceased sold and Transferred to Wm Henry all the right title & interest of the Said William Montgomery to the above described claim
November 20th 1841 A CALKIN
handed in Novem 22nd 1841 Administrator

[90]

This quit Claim deed made and concluded this first day of July A D 1841 witnesseth that we wesley Jones & Co of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa have this day granted bargened and sold unto Moses Cremer of the County of Desmoin and Territory a forsaid and for in Concideration of the sum of Three hundred Dollars cash in hand to me paid do grant bargen sell and convey unto the said Moses Cremer all our Right Title interest and Expectancy unto a Certain tract of Land the same beeing & Lying in the County & Territory aforsaid & described as follows. to wit the East half of the N W qr of Sect three (3) in Township Seventy nine North and Range Six (6) west of the fifth (5) principal meridian which claim we agree to warrent & defend against all titles except the title of the United States up to this date Given under our hands and seal this day and date afors mentioned

attest Iowa City July 1st 1841

J. Cork WESLY JONES & Co

handed in December 9th 1841----

[91]

This quit claim deed made and concluded this 4 day of August A D 1841 witnesseth that I wesley Jones & Co of the County of Johnson & Territory of Iowa have this day granted bargened and sold unto Moses Creamer of the County of Desmoin and Territory aforsaid and for in concideration of the sum of six hundred Dollars cash in hand to me paid do grant bargen sell and convey unto the said Moses Cremer all my Right title interest & expectancy unto a certain tract of Land the same beeing and Lying in the County of Johnson & Territory aforsaid & described as follows. to wit the west ½ of the N W qr of Sect (3) Three T 79. N R 6 W. of the 5 principal meridian which claim I agree to warrent and defend against all titles except the title of the United States up to

this date given under my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned

Iowa City August 4th 1841 WESLY JONES & Co

Attest

H. G. Jones

handed in December 9th 1841——

[92]

Know all men by these presants that I J. M. Chote of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa for and in conciderration of Seventy Dollars. to me in hand paid by W B Morey of the County & Territory aforsaid have and by these presants do grant bargen sell convey & quit claim unto the said W B Morey all my right title & interest in and to a certain tract or piece or parcel of land lying about three miles north of Iowa City in Johnson County bounded as follows to Viz on the South & west by Lands claimed by John A Street on the North by Lands claimed by Shoup on the East by Lands Claimed by E Foster Supposed to contain Eighty Acres more or less to have and to hold the aforsaid granted premices unto the said W B. Morey his heirs and assigns against all lawful claims & demands of all and every person whomsoever now existing Iowa City December 6th 1841.

Signed in the presants of JOSIAH M. CHOTE [L S]

of *W Reynolds.*

handed in Decemb 14th 1841.

[93]

Know all men by these presants that I James Trimble of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa For and in conciderration of the sum of one hundred Dollars to him in hand paid by John M Coleman of the same place the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Hath this day released bargened sold & for ever quit claimed & by these presants doth bargen sell and for ever quit claim unto the said J M Coleman his

heirs and assigns forever all his right title interest and claim in and to the following described tract or parcel of Land lying & beeing in the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa Viz the East half of the North East quarter of Sect No four (4) in Township No 79 North of Range No (6) Six West of the fifth pr merid and also the fractional portion of said North East quarter being the fractional part of said quarter which Lies. N. E. of the Iowa River to have and to hold the tract of Land above described to the said John M Coleman his heirs & assigns for ever free from all incumberances and the said James Trimble will warrent and defend the same against the claim of all persons except the United States in witness whereof the said James Trimble hath hereunto set his hand and seal this 7 day of January 1842

signed sealed and delivered
in the presance of } JAMES TRIMBLE [Seal]
handed in January 10th 1842

[94]

Know all men by these presants that I P. C. Brown of Johnson County Iowa Territory have this day sold and quit claimed unto George. S. Hampton. of the same place the South East quarter of Section Thirteen (13) in Township 80 N Range six west of the 5 principal meridian for and in concideration of the sum of fifty Dollars to me in hand paid the Receipt of which is here by acknowledged. hereby selling and quit claiming all my right & title to said claim to the said Hampton this 7 day of March 1842. P. C. BROWN
handed in March 11th 1842.

Know all men by these presants that I William Jayne for & in concideration of the sum of four hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by William and Abram Jones the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have bargened and sold and by these presants do for ever quit claim to the said William and Abram Jones the following claim tract or parcel of Land

Lying & beeing in the county of Johnson and Territory of Iowa and Lying about five miles N. E. of Iowa City the same beeing all that claim I purchased of Cyrus Sanders. except the. N. E. qr of of said Claim which I reserve and all that claim tract or parcel of Land I made claim to adjoining or near the aforsaid claim that I purchased the same having been Recorded by me as a claim made and I warrent and defend the aforsaid claim against all Claims except the government of the United States up to date given under my hand and seal this 12 day of Febuary 1842.

attest L S
S H McCrory WM. JAYNE

N. B. it is understood and agreed that I am to have to the first day of April to Leave the aforsaid premices at which time I am to deliver the same to the said Wm & Abram Jones with all the appurtinances there unto belonging

attest (handed in Feby 12th 1842) WM JAYNE
S H McCrory

[95]

Know all men by these presants that I John Kight of the County of Johnson Iow of the first part and Martin M Montgomery of the second part—That John Kight for and in concideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid as described in certain notes of hand signed by said Martin M Montgomery of the second part have this day sold granted released confirmed and for ever quit claimed and by these presants do grant sell and for ever quit claim unto the said M M Montgomery his heirs executors administrators and assigns the undivided half of the following described claim of Land together with all and singular the improvements there on the S. W. qr of Sect. (27) Twenty seven in T. 80 N. of Range 6 west being the quarter Kights and Radabaughs Mill is situated on Rapid Creek and the N. W. qr of Sect. (34). Thirty four in T 80 N R 6 west except forty Acres being the S. E.

40 of said qr Sect which the said Kight heretofore sold to Woodworth and Lauer and a claim as commencing one half mile below the mouth of Turkey Creek on the Iowa River at a white Walnut Tree thence with the meandrings of the River about one half mile south to a white ash Tree then East one half mile to a white oak Tree thenc North one half mile to a white oak Tree thence west one half mile to the place of beginning to have and to hold the undivided half of the above described lands or claims to the sole and proper use or the said M M Montgomery his assigns &C and the said John Kight for him self &c will forever warrent and defend (except the Last described claim) against the claim of everry person or persons whatsoever the (United States Excepted In witness where of I the said John Kight have hereunto Set my hand and seal Febuary 14th 1842.

JOHN his × mark KIGHT [seal]

Frederick Ward } attest }
A D Stephen }

handed in March 17th 1842

[96]

Know all men by these presants that I John A Street of Johnson County Iowa Territory have for the concideration of Five hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by A I Willis the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged granted bargened sold and quit claimed and by these presants doth grant bargen sell and quit claim unto the said A. I. Willis all my Right title interest and claim in & to the. S. W. qr of Sect No Twenty six (26) & the East half of the S. E qr of Sect 27. all in Township No 80 N R 6 West to have and to hold the said premicies with all the appurtinances there unto Belonging to the said A. I. Willis his heirs and assigns free from all incumberances except the title of the United States witness my hand & seal this 14 day of March A. D 1842

Witness JOHN A STREET [L S]

S. B. Gardner

handed in March 18 1842

Know all men by these presants that I George S Hampton of the County of Johnson and Territory of Iowa for and in concideration of the sum of Ninety Dollars to me in hand paid by Minerva Catlett of the same place have this day bargened and sold unto said Minerva Catlet all my Right title and interest in and to the following claim or Tract of Land situated in the County of Johnson . . . . . of Iowa on Turkey Creek containing one Half . . . . . being a claim Stephen Brown made in June 1839 and bounded as follows Viz. Bounded by Jewetts Claim on the East & Cannons on the North & Browns Claim on the south and Adamses Claim on the West to have and to hold the said tract of Land or claim together with its appurtinances unto the said Minerva Cattlet her heirs and assigns. in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal this 8 day of June 1841. GEO. S. HAMPTON [Seal]
handed in March 19th 1842
The above claim Embraces the N E. qr of S. 11. & N W qr of Sect 12 T. 80 N Range 6 W——

There is two forties of Prairie lying on the south side of said Prairie at the North east corner a stake and at the south west corner the end of a furrow running between the McGrew claim and the within named claim. P FARR
May 4 1842

J. B. MCGREW

QUIT CLAIM
DEED

For value Recd I assign the within quit claim Deed to Jesse Berry May 4. 1842
Walter Butler
Samuel B Trestle

Know all men by these presants that I J B McGrew of Johnson County Iowa Territory For the concideration of

ninety dols received of Price Farr have sold unto the said Price Farr The following described lands one quarter section of land commencing at the North east corner of the McGrew claim and running east one half mile then south one half mile then west one half mile thence North to the place of beginning also one . . . . . section of timber commencing at an tree at the south east corner of the Harrison timber lot and running south one half mile thence west one half mile thence North one half mile thence east to the place of beginning And I do covenant with the said Price Farr that I am the true claimant of said land and that I do hereby quit claim and sign over all my right title and interest to said claim in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 day of . . . . in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty

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